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UN chief seeks GCC help

Security Council urged to push Gulf peace talks

RIYADH, Sept. 5, (Agencies) Gulf Arab states today urged the UN Security Council to help break the deadlock in the Geneva peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

Foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) ended a two-day meeting in Riyadh with a statement describing the Iran-Iraq ceasefire as an important step.

But they added: "The Gulf Co-operation Council calls on the permanent members of the (Security) Council to exert more efforts to ensure the success of the negotiations and the complete implementation of Security Council Resolution 598."



Prince Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Saudi Foreign Minister, in a letter to the GCC foreign ministers appealing for their help in getting the talks moving.



Perez de Cuellar, UN Secretary-General, in a letter to the GCC foreign ministers appealing for their help in getting the talks moving.

"I count on your continued and generous co-operation to ensure that this first step be followed by others in order to achieve the desired goal of a just, honourable and durable settlement," the UN chief wrote.

"The world community's support for the United Nations and myself has been a source of encouragement to continue my efforts to end this tragic dispute, the bloodshed and destruction in the region."

"I depend on your continued support to guarantee that further steps will follow to achieve the goal... a just and final solution," he added.

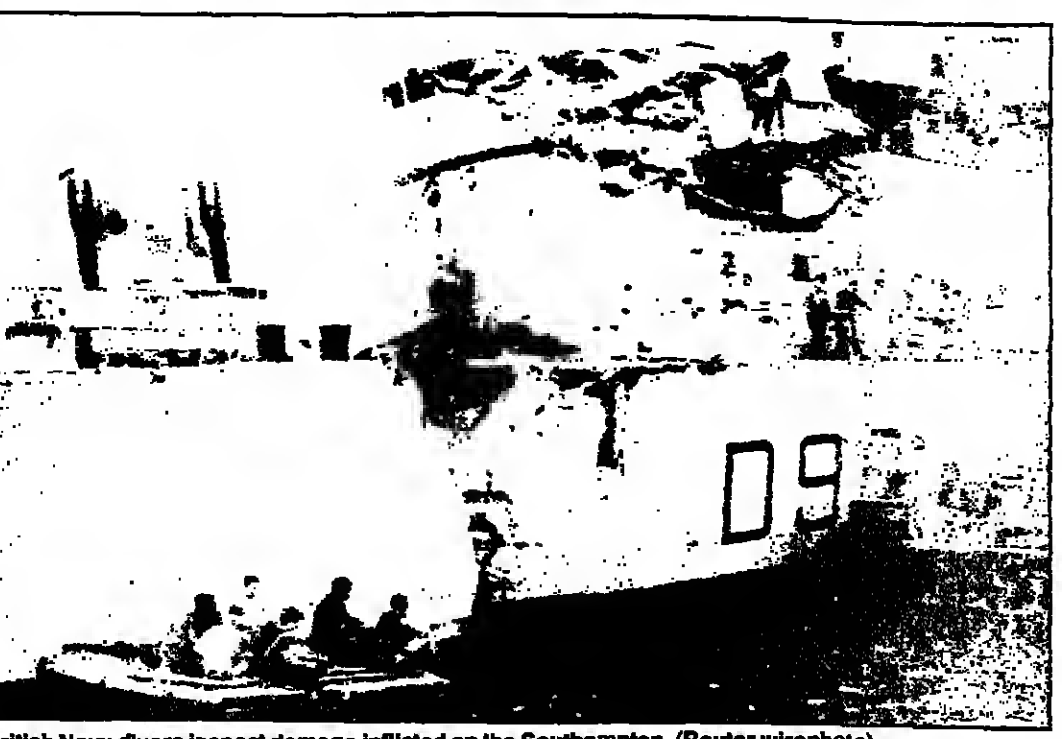
Saudi Arabia's Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper quoted GCC sources as saying the members of the GCC "are serious about entering as indirect partners in the final region of the world."

In the final communique, the GCC ministers referred to contacts with "all concerned parties to work seriously for consolidating peace and stability in this vital region of the world."

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British Navy divers inspect damage inflicted on the Southampton. (Reuters wirephoto)

Southampton badly damaged

UK warship needs major repairs

DUBAI, Sept. 5, (Agencies) A British destroyer faces major repairs after a collision with a merchant ship that smashed the warship's bridge, gashed its hull and injured 11 sailors, shipping sources in the Gulf said today.

A Royal Navy spokesman said damage to the \$100-million Southampton was being assessed. He said a naval inquiry would decide who was to blame for the night collision with the British container ship Tor Bay in the Gulf of Oman on Saturday.

The spokesman said the extent of repairs needed was unclear but the engines and steering system were intact. The ship would stay for several days in the United Arab Emirates port of Fujairah.

Cost

Merchant shipping sources said repairs to the shattered bridge and port side of the hull, where a two-metre-wide (six-foot) gash extends underwater, could cost millions of dollars.

The 3,560-tonne seven-year-old Southampton, commanded by Captain S. Taylor, tangled with the 34,477-tonne Tor Bay as it was preparing to escort the merchant vessel into the Gulf.

The Navy spokesman said the Southampton, the biggest ship in Britain's six-vessel Gulf task force, might be replaced by another destroyer.

A spokesman for P and O, owners of the Tor Bay, said their ship had a three-metre (10-foot) hole in a ballast tank near the bows. No one on board was hurt.

A sailor on the bridge of the Southampton suffered a broken jaw and another broke his leg. Nine others had minor injuries.

Meanwhile, the US missile cruiser Vincennes, sailed toward home today in the first American force reduction in the Gulf since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire took effect, sources said.

US sources in the Gulf, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the USS Vincennes was officially detached yesterday from the Navy's Middle East joint task force for a 13,000-mile (20,920-kilometre) voyage to San Diego.

'Superpowers are enemies of Muslims'

NICOSIA, Sept. 5, (Reuters) Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini urged Muslims today to consider superpowers their enemies.

"Muslim nations should assume superpower deception and enmity against themselves unless they see, feel and are convinced otherwise in practice," Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Khomeini as saying in a message to the people of Pakistan.

Khomeini's message dealt with the killing of Pakistan's top Shiite leader Allama Arif Hussain Al Hussaini last month.

Khomeini did not directly charge anyone with the killing, but said both East and West had despaired by taking on the Islamic world openly and were instead assassinating Muslim scholars.

Wave of escapes
BERLIN, Sept. 5, (AP) Two East German men fled their communist homeland unharmed early today, police said, adding to the weekend's wave of escapes to the West across East Germany's heavily fortified border.

Churbanov goes on trial

MOSCOW, Sept. 5, (Reuters) Yuri Churbanov, the son-in-law of the late Leonid Brezhnev, went on trial before the Soviet Supreme Court today charged with accepting bribes of more than \$1 million to protect corrupt police officials.

Churbanov, 51, sat tensely in the dock with eight co-accused, all former top police officials from Uzbekistan, as a court official read out the indictment.

Zia crash probe report may not be revealed

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 5, (UPI) The government said it may not reveal the findings of an investigation into the plane crash which killed President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq as it "could contain matters contrary to the national interest."

"I cannot hold out any assurance at this stage," Defence Minister Mahmood Haroon told the Senate when asked by opposition members whether the report into the Aug. 17 disaster would be made public.

"It could contain matters contrary to the national interest," he said.

Examined
Zia, US Ambassador Arnold Raphael and 28 other people, including much of the country's top military brass, were killed when their C-130 military transport plane crashed minutes after takeoff from the eastern city of Bahawalpur.

An investigation by Pakistan Air Force and US experts is still underway.

Haroon said the government had yet to receive even a preliminary report by the investigators, and said parts of the aircraft were still being examined at a forensic laboratory in the United States.

Some Pakistani officials have said the disaster was the result of sabotage, and speculated a bomb may have been placed on board or the aircraft hit by a missile. Experts are reportedly also investigating whether the aircraft's control system was tampered with or failed.

Haroon flatly denied a report in an Urdu-language newspaper last Friday that an Air Force squadron leader and eight others had been arrested at Islamabad airport, which doubles as a military airbase.

He said several people had been called in for questioning but that no one so far had been arrested.

Deadlock continues

GENEVA, Sept. 5, (Agencies) Iran-Iraq peace talks limped through a 12th day today with mediator Jan Eliasson of Sweden seeking at least some progress before calling a recess.

It was considered impolitic to temporarily adjourn the talks as long as the basic deadlock prevailed, involved officials said.

The UN officials and Iranian and Iraqi delegates said privately that a recess was being discussed and that it was also possible the next phase of talks would be moved to New York.

Appointed last week as special representative of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, Eliasson is Sweden's ambassador to the UN and has his home and family in New York, the officials said.

Perez de Cuellar also told the foreign ministers of Iran and Iraq that it would be easier for him to "keep an eye" on the talks if they were in New York, they said.

Wants

Eliasson made clear, however, that he wants at least a minor break in the deadlock which set in as soon as peace talks began on Aug. 25 and which has prevented genuine negotiations with direct face-to-face meetings.

A pause in negotiations is often beneficial and should not be "over-dramatized," he told reporters yesterday. But he also wanted the two foreign ministers and their delegations to have a direct plenary meeting.

Iran and Iraq continued to issue statements in Geneva accusing each other of violating the Aug. 20 ceasefire.

The Iranians alleged "more than 60" Iraqi violations while Iraq today claimed "86 breaches by Iran."

Eliasson, however, said UN observers had not transmitted any information giving grounds for and "fear that the situation is deteriorating."

Each side accused the other of causing the stalemate in Geneva. Eliasson in what were called "separate informal meetings" with experts from each side sought an initial minimal agreed phrase that the ceasefire applies to the sea as well as land and air, officials said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati made it known through aides that he wanted to go at least for one day to a meeting of Non-aligned foreign ministers in Nicosia, Cyprus, beginning on Wednesday.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was thought likely to visit the meeting as well if Velayati made the trip.

Half of Israeli voters want talks with PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 5, (Reuters) Half of Israeli voters want peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) despite their leaders' rejection of such negotiations, opinion pollsters for both leading parties said today.

The researchers told a government press office seminar that voters' willingness to negotiate with the outlawed PLO had not been diminished by a nine-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Bloc and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's centre-left Labour Party reject any dealings with the PLO.

However, some Labour politicians have begun to suggest Israel may have to negotiate with the PLO if it changes its platform.

"Israelis are edging towards accepting PLO participation in an international peace conference," said Bethamie Horowitz of the Canadian polling firm Decima, consultants to Labour.

Mina Zemach, whose Dahaf Institute is polling for Likud, said her surveys showed consistently over two years that 50 per cent of Israelis would deal with the PLO if it recognised Israel and renounced violence.

However she said two-thirds of the electorate did not believe

Panic buying of food reported

Rains batter Bangladesh as floodwater starts receding

KAFRUL, Bangladesh, Sept. 5, (Agencies) Rain lashed Bangladesh again today as the death toll after more than two weeks of monsoon floods rose to over 550, officials said.

"Rain swept the country at a time when floodwater had just started receding from some places and caused sufferings beyond imagination," said an official in the sprawling township of Kafirul, five km (three miles) from Dhaka.

The rain has been fairly widespread across the country and may continue intermittently, further swelling rivers already flowing above their danger levels.

At least 30 people have been killed since last night, mostly in northern Bangladesh, raising the official death toll to more than 550.

Backed

Spurred by the revolt of the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories, the PLO is debating forming a provisional government and seeking peace talks with Israel on a partition of the land into Jewish and Arab states.

Horowitz said that in her latest polls 44 per cent of Jewish voters backed talks with the PLO if it accepted Israel and halted terrorism. Nine per cent would talk to the PLO even if it did not meet those conditions, she said.

She said the first months of Palestinian unrest had driven voters to the right and extreme right but a more recent feeling that Israel should rid itself of the burden of the occupied territories had increased support for Labour.

Zemach said most voters were prepared in the long-term to give up occupied land but did not trust the Arabs and wanted any territorial concession to be preceded by an experimental period of limited Palestinian autonomy.

Security was the strictest seen on this Mediterranean island as senior officials of nearly 100 countries met to prepare for a foreign ministers' meeting on Wednesday.

Anti-terrorist police, many in commando gear, checked visitors and patrolled streets near the \$13-million newly built conference centre to counter the risk of guerrilla attack.

Several guerrilla incidents, involving mainly Middle East groups, have taken place on the island in the recent years. Last May a car bomb intended for the Israeli embassy killed three people in central Nicosia.

Officials said tough debate

last week to swamp the country. He defined "directly affected" as anyone who had lost relatives, houses, businesses, crops or other property.

Panic buying of food, particularly rice and wheat, was reported in several areas and retail grain prices had more than doubled in some places. Many shops had run out of supplies and flooded markets were closed.

Gravest problem was to get potable water to the affected areas.

Health Minister Mohammad Abdul Munim said at least 69 people had died of diarrhoea already and 92,000 others had been infected since the flooding began.

Deployed

A total of 2,500 medical teams have been deployed to combat the rapidly spreading epidemic, he told the official BSS news agency.

Anthony Kennedy, chief representative in Dhaka of the United Nations agency UNICEF, said yesterday he feared a disastrous epidemic of water-borne diseases.

Officials say thousands of flood victims huddling on river embankments or stranded in

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INTERNATIONAL

Talks for a new agreement break off

Greece closes US base at Athens

ATHENS, Sept 5, (AP): Talks for a new US bases agreement broke off today when Greek negotiators announced that a US Air Force base at Athens airport will be closed, the government said.

Government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said the American side asked the talks be temporarily postponed following the Greek announcement.

The American delegation requested a temporary postponement in order to return to Washington and take relevant instructions from the American authorities, Kostopoulos said in a statement.

Accord
The statement did not say when the talks would resume. No American embassy spokesman could immediately be reached because of the Labour Day holiday.

The postponement came on the opening day of a ninth round of negotiations for a new Greek-American defence co-operation agreement to replace a 1983 accord expiring in December.

Premier Andreas Papandreu's Socialist government said last month that Hellenikon Air Base would be shut down. At that time, the United States said its future was still under discussion.

Hellenikon is one of four American bases that have operated in Greece since the 1950s. It provides support for planes monitoring Soviet naval operations in the Mediterranean and for another three US bases here.

Around 1,400 American

servicemen, 200 civilian employees and 700 Greeks work at the base, located next to Athens international airport.

The Greek government has so far made no threat to close any other base, but says Hellenikon's operations cannot be transferred to another US installation.

There had been speculation here that a US Navy base at Souda Bay on the southern island of Crete could be expanded to replace Hellenikon.

The other American bases in Greece are a Navy communications base at Nea Makri near Athens which tracks Soviet naval and submarine activity and an electronic surveillance base at Gournes, also on Crete.

As a form of rent for the bases, Greece currently receives \$340 million annually on US military credits.

Talks for the new defence co-operation agreement started last November but the regular monthly meeting have made little progress.

Disputes
The main obstacle appears to be Greek insistence that in return for a new bases agreement the United States should help toward solving longrunning Greek-Turkish disputes over military control of the Aegean and the divided island of Cyprus.

Papandreu also says that a new agreement will be submitted for approval in a referendum before it takes effect.

In July, the government issued a formal shut-down notice for all four bases, but it doesn't necessarily mean the bases will stop operating.

UK mail services crippled by strikes

LONDON, Sept 5, (AP): Mail services in Britain were in chaos today as strikes by workers protesting the use of casual labour spread across the country.

The post office, which employs 140,000 people and handles 51 million items a day, said 32 major city centre sorting offices were on strike and 61 million letters and parcels trapped.

In strike-hit areas, mail cannot be posted, collected, sorted or delivered. London, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Glasgow are among the affected cities.

Overseas mail to and from Britain has almost stopped because the sorting offices which handle it, at London's Heathrow airport and Mount Pleasant sorting office, are on strike.

Alan Tuffin, General

Secretary of the Union of Communications Workers, said more than 40,000 of its members in the post office were striking yesterday and the whole system could stop by midweek. The post office said 45,000 workers were on strike today.

Dispute
A still unresolved dispute over bonus payments which caused a 24-hour postal strike last Wednesday was being submerged under walkouts by union members objecting to the employment of casual workers to clear the backlog of mail.

The Wednesday strike was over union objections to the post office offering weekly bonuses of £7.5 to £20 to recruit workers in London and southeast England, where it finds difficulty in getting staff in the most prosperous region of Britain.

Latest polls show a close race

Bush, Dukakis kick off campaigns

WASHINGTON, Sept 5, (Reuters): US presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis kicked off their final campaigns today, Labour Day, running even in public opinion polls and with Dukakis trying to recapture the lead he lost.

Democratic candidate Dukakis headed for automobile — producing Detroit to try to win back some of the working-man Democratic votes that twice helped Republican President Reagan to victory.

Republican candidate George Bush, confident enough to declare on Saturday that he was in good position to win the presidential election on Nov 8, headed for Los Angeles.

Bush was due to send the US Olympic team off to Seoul with ceremonies at Disneyland and then planned to attend a Los Angeles police department picnic.

Pledge
Not waiting for the traditional Labour Day campaign start, Bush has been effectively attacking Dukakis for two weeks as a liberal who would weaken US defences, coddle criminals and



Bush not encourage school children to say the pledge of allegiance to the US flag.

Dukakis was once 17 points ahead of Bush in public opinion polls and tacitly admitted on Friday that his campaign needed help by rehiring controversial John Sasso as a top aide.

Sasso resigned last year after secretly circulating videotapes showing Senator Joe Biden, who was then a Democratic rival to Dukakis for the presidential nomination, had copied remarks by British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock. The tapes drove Biden out of the race.



Dukakis hoped to start on a road to recovery by winning back the so-called "Reagan Democrats" in Detroit automobile plants and other blue-collar jobs across the country.

Jobs
The AFL-CIO, representing most US labour unions, has endorsed Dukakis and its President, Lane Kirkland, tried to help Dukakis's cause on Sunday.

Kirkland said in a television interview that Reagan did not create a record number of jobs as

he and Bush claim, and that most of the jobs he did create were low-paying.

"The pace of job-creation is not record-breaking," Kirkland said. "It's somewhat less than the pace at which they were created during the much-maligned Carter administration... the middle class is shrinking."

Dukakis led Bush 53-38 per cent in a Newsweek opinion poll in July. But two polls over the past week showed the candidates virtually dead even.

The latest, published in the Sunday Chicago Tribune, showed a 46-45 per cent lead for Bush in the five largest states — California, New York, Texas, Florida and Illinois.

Polls
A Washington Post/ABC news poll gave Dukakis a 48-47 per cent lead. Both polls had error margins of about 3 per cent so the one-point differences were insignificant.

Sizeable numbers of likely voters say they don't know much about the candidates and feel the contenders are avoiding the issues, Time magazine reports.

Fully 50 per cent of the likely voters said they knew "not much

at all" about Dukakis and what kind of president he would be, and 29 per cent said that about Bush, despite Bush's nearly eight-year tenure as Vice-President.

About half the likely voters said Bush was "avoiding the real issues," and nearly as many, 44 per cent, said that of Dukakis.

A poll conducted for the magazine last week found improvement in Bush's ratings for trustworthiness and reliability, and declines for Dukakis in terms of trustworthiness and experience.

Favoured
Overall, 47 per cent of the 1,103 likely voters nationwide favoured Bush and his running mate, Sen. Dan Quayle of Indiana, to 42 per cent for Dukakis and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas. The margin of error was three points, meaning the race statistically was a dead heat.

That result was among voters who are registered and considered likely to vote. Among all registered voters — 1,474 of them in the poll — the race was even tighter: 44 per cent for the Republicans, 42 per cent for the Democrats.

Azerbaijanis determined not to lose Nagorno-Karabakh

BAKU, Soviet Union, Sept 5, (Reuters): Six months of appeals and demonstrations by Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh seem to have convinced no one here that the Azerbaijani territory should be handed over to Armenia.

In Azerbaijan's capital city on the Caspian Sea, people have reacted to the Armenian demands with anger, resentment, and as time goes on, increasingly hardened resolve against giving in.

Even Baku's sizeable Armenian community has not come to the support of the Armenian majority in Nagorno-Karabakh, which is demanding unification with Armenia.

"Nagorno-Karabakh became

part of our territory more than 150 years ago, and afterwards it was always Azerbaijani," the republic's Foreign Minister Gusein Sadykhov said.

"Historically it is ours, legally it is ours, and it will remain Azerbaijani," he said.

Azerbaijanis feel they have been the victim of a bad world press over the past few months.

Attention
They say little attention has been paid to their interpretation of the history of Nagorno-Karabakh, which lies near the Armenian republic in the western part of Azerbaijan.

Sadykhov explained that when Karabakh was annexed by the Russian empire in the early 1800s, it became part of the

Elizavetpol province, which later became Azerbaijan.

The area of Yerevan, Armenia's capital, joined the Russian empire a few years later than Nagorno-Karabakh and was organised into what became Yerevan province.

When Soviet power arrived in the region in the 1920s and Transcaucasia was organised into the Soviet republics, Nagorno-Karabakh was again assigned to Azerbaijan.

Armenian historians generally do not dispute these facts, but they consider Nagorno-Karabakh to be part of their ancestral homeland. They also point to the fact that the population of 160,000 is 75 per cent Armenian.

FAO calls for all-out war against locusts

ROME, Sept 5, (Reuters): Edouard Saouma, director-general of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), called today for all-out war on an unprecedented locust plague in Africa.

"We are on the verge of the worst desert locust plague on record and we must fight a concerted, all-out war, particularly in countries like Sudan where large amounts of cereal crops are at risk," Saouma said in a statement.

"The desert locust plague, by our estimates, will be here for years to come... it is not enough to win a few battles against these billions of pests. We must now win the war," he added.

In Sudan, Chad and Niger, where more than seven million hectares (17 million acres) have been infested, FAO said it needed 700 planes to spray 700,000 litres of pesticide each day for the next 10 days.

At present there are 20 planes

and 700,000 litres of pesticide in total.

Saouma called on FAO donor nations to increase emergency contributions to meet costs for the next 10 months estimated at \$240 million, twice the current provision to fight the locusts.

Lukas Brader, director of FAO's locust operation, who said 10 days ago the plague could not be controlled in the near future, said today the outlook to June 1989 was unfavourable.

Non-Aligned Movement criticises Israel

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A 59-page draft final declaration on political issues ranged widely, strongly attacking South Africa for its apartheid policy and Israel for its tough handling of a nine-month Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories.

On the Palestinian revolt, the draft final document backed the PLO and said it should take part on an equal footing with other parties in any Middle East peace conference.

The draft said the ministers "saluted the heroic uprising of the Palestinian people" in the Israeli-occupied territories.

It "condemned the criminal practices of the occupation forces in the Gaza Strip and West Bank and in particular the killing of defenceless Palestinians..."

The draft backed Argentina's claim to the Falkland Islands.

Air show disaster

RAMSTEIN, West Germany, Sept 5, (AP): A 52nd person died from injuries in the fiery air show disaster at the US Air Force base in Ramstein, a West German official said today.

Juergen Dietzen, spokesman for the Rhineland-Palatinate state government, said he had no details on the victim, who died yesterday, other than that the person is German.

'Goldfinger' actor

Froebe dies

MUNICH, West Germany, Sept 5, (Reuters): Actor Gert Froebe, who became an international star by playing the villainous Goldfinger in the James Bond film of the same name, has died of a heart attack, his housekeeper said today. He was 75.

Froebe, who played in more than 100 films underwent a cancer operation two years ago but was able to give a poetry reading in a clinic near Munich last Tuesday.

The following night he had a heart attack and died late on Sunday night after suffering a second.

Froebe was born in the small town of Planitz, now in East Germany, on February 25, 1913. He made his breakthrough in 1948 starring in the satirical film "Berliner Ballade."

He will probably be best remembered abroad for his performances as Goldfinger in 1964.

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Rains batter Bangladesh as floodwater starts receding

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their flooded homes could die of starvation and disease before emergency supplies reach them.

"A worse disaster may be waiting for us in the traumatic aftermath of the flooding," said official Abdus Sobhad said.

He said nearly 500,000 people sheltering in makeshift camps in Dhaka were facing acute shortages of food, drinking water and medicine.

Six Bangladesh Air Force helicopters and four from India are ferrying relief supplies to flood-hit districts. Four more helicopters will arrive from Saudi Arabia in a day or two, Foreign Ministry officials said today.

They said Bangladesh had received pledges of nearly \$15 million in immediate aid from Japan, Pakistan, Britain, the United States, Australia and Canada following an appeal by President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

Supplies
But relief supplies cannot start arriving in bulk until Dhaka airport, closed since Friday when its runway was flooded, reopens.

Floods have also cut rail links between Bangladesh's main port at Chittagong and rest of the country.

The floods have destroyed at least \$800 million worth of rice and other crops, more than 3,300 (2,200 miles) of roads and nearly 250 bridges, according to official figures.

Fresh floods

LAGOS, Sept 5, (Reuters): A mother and the baby tried to get back were among five Nigerians who drowned at the weekend when torrential rain triggered fresh floods.

Three of the victims, including the mother and child, died in the western city of Ibadan, 160 km (100 miles) north of Lagos; newspapers and the news agency of Nigeria reported.

Two people drowned at Mbalang, in north-east Nigeria state, when they tried to cross a canal to their farms.

Best chance

WARSAW, Sept 5, (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa says Poland has an unprecedented opportunity to achieve an accord between government and opposition that could bring major political and economic reforms.

"There is a chance, for the first time in Poland, to talk seriously about what can and should be done," he told a rally in the Baltic city of Gdansk yesterday. "I must seize this chance."

Mexico floods

MEXICO CITY, Sept 5, (AP): Emergency crews worked today to get supplies to communities isolated by flooding from two hurricanes and to repair washed out roads and bridges.

At least 13 people died in the flooding, officials said. Most were killed in mudslides or were swept away by swollen rivers. An estimated 50,000 were evacuated from their homes.

Afghan planes bomb Pakistani village

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Sept 5, (Reuters): Afghan aircraft bombed Pakistani territory for the second time in five days today killing two people and injuring at least seven, government officials said.

About five Afghan fighters crossed the border shortly after first light and dropped five bombs on Dogai village in north-western Pakistan, they said.

The Pakistan Press International news agency said Air Force interceptors chased the Afghan aircraft out of Pakistan's airspace but there was no immediate government confirmation.

Last Thursday, five Afghan aircraft struck two villages 46 km (25 miles) from Peshawar in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) killing one person and injuring 11.

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Carlucci (left) is greeted on his arrival in Beijing by Chinese General Song Wenzhong.

Carlucci in China for talks on missile sales to Mideast states

BEIJING, Sept. 5. (UPI) — Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci arrived in China today for a five-day visit that will include talks with senior leaders and discussion of Beijing's missile sales to Middle Eastern countries.

Carlucci was greeted on his arrival at Beijing's capital airport by US Ambassador Winston Lord and Gen. Song Wenzhong, director of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the People's Liberation Army.

He is scheduled to attend a formal welcome ceremony at Beijing's military museum tomorrow.

The US defense secretary is slated to express US concerns over China's missile sales to the Middle East, a major issue raised by US Secretary of State George Shultz during his trip to Beijing in July.

Earlier in Washington, a US defense official said the United States was not expecting any quick resolution of the missile issue, noting that the talks would serve as an opportunity for dialogue not an occasion for dictating policy to Beijing.

In July, Shultz failed to elicit an answer from Chinese Foreign

Minister Qian Qichen to call for more intensive discussions with the United States on the spread of ballistic missiles.

First disclosed 18 months ago, China's sale of Silkworm anti-ship missiles to Iran raised fears Iran would be able to cut off a large segment of the Western world's oil shipments by placing the missiles along the banks of the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Persian Gulf.

Missiles

The State Department also disclosed in March that China had sold Saudi Arabia surface-to-surface missiles with a range of more than 1,000 miles (1,600 km), capable of launching nuclear warheads to any Middle Eastern nation, including Israel.

Saudi Arabia confirmed it was buying the missiles but said they would not be armed with nuclear warheads.

Beijing also was reported to have concluded recently a deal to sell to Syria several of its M-9 short-range ballistic missiles, which have not yet been built.

Burmese soldiers sympathetic to protestors: Solarz

BANGKOK, Sept. 5. (AP) — Most rank-and-file Burmese soldiers are sympathetic to anti-government protestors, calling for democracy, but senior officers could still plunge the country into violence and civil war, a US congressman says.

"There is no question that Burma is on the dawn of a new era of democracy," said Representative Stephen Solarz, Democrat-New York, on his return yesterday from a 24-hour visit to Burma.

"The only question is whether the new era will emerge peacefully in accordance with the will and wishes of the Burmese people or whether it will be the product of chaos and anarchy and violence," he said.

Civil and Gen. Ma Oo, Solarz said he received the impression that lower-ranking officers and soldiers in the Army were largely sympathetic to the protestors.

Senior officers, however, could still order suppression of the demonstrators and the well-disciplined troops might follow orders to fire on anti-government protestors as they did last month when an estimated 1,000 people were killed, he said.

Suppress

Solarz said attempts to suppress the anti-government movement by force could "plunge the country into a bloodbath or potentially a civil war."

Solarz said he was told that Ne Win, 77, who ruled the country for 26 years before retiring in July, "continues to play a decisively important role in government decision-making."

He said he was unable to meet with Ne Win, but in a long discussion with Maung Maung and Prime Minister Tun Tin received the "impression that the government recognizes the gravity of the situation."

Solarz said he was proud that demonstrators had looked to the United States as a model and deliberately staged its pro-democracy demonstrations near the US embassy in Rangoon despite past American support for Ne Win.

About one hundred thousand people poured out to the streets of Rangoon today in spontaneous anti-government demonstrations.

Confidence

Earlier, the Burmese Communist Party, the most powerful of a dozen insurgent groups in Burma, joined in the protestors' calls for the immediate establishment of an interim government and demanded a role in such a government.

Solarz, speaking to reporters in Bangkok, said the government had "completely lost the confidence of the people" and that the government apparatus has "virtually ceased to exist" in most parts of the country.

Solarz, chairman of the Asian affairs sub-committee of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, said he met with Burmese President Maung Maung and five opposition leaders.

From discussions with former military leaders, Brig. Gen. Aung

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Reports on chemical weapons

Iraq to sue newspapers

BAGHDAD, Sept. 5. (Reuters) — Iraq said today it would take legal action against "enemy" newspapers which published reports that it had used chemical warfare against Kurdish rebels in the north.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said legal experts were preparing bills to sue newspapers which issued false reports on the alleged use of chemical weapons. No Iraqi paper has published such reports.

Iraq has denied that its troops used chemical weapons in an offensive against Kurdish rebels launched last month during negotiations for a ceasefire in its war with Iran which took effect on Aug. 20.

INA said the legal action was being taken against newspapers which had "unleashed a false and ill-intentioned campaign" against Iraq.

"Iraqi officials describe the allegations fanned by enemy newspapers of Iraq as falling

within the framework of a misinformation campaign carried out under Zionist influences opposed to Iraq and the Arab nation," it said.

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Pakistan repeals harsh press law

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 5. (AP) — Pakistan has repealed the Press and Publications Ordinance, a harsh law against which the newspaper industry and the opposition political parties had agitated for 28 years.

Ilti Bakhsh Soomro, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, announced the action after a cabinet meeting yesterday.

The legislation will be replaced with a much milder law that will have "no punitive provisions," Soomro said. It will provide the

right to appeal to high courts against any arbitrary government action.

The government will be barred from taking any action against newspapers and other publications, except through a prescribed legal process. The new law aims at regulating the working of printing press, and to make it obligatory that copies of all printed materials be sent to the government.

"Since the restoration of fundamental rights in 1985, the

government has been taking various steps to ensure freedom of the press and to improve its relations with the press," Soomro said.

"However, the government's sincerity in this regard always remained in doubt because of the existence of the Press and Publications Ordinance. This law, though hardly used, was considered to be an instrument available to the government to gag the press at will."

President Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a plane

crash Aug. 17, promised to Pakistani newspaper editors on July 12 that he would repeal the law. Soomro said the cabinet decision yesterday was the fulfillment of that commitment.

Abolition of the law, Soomro said, "will usher in a new era of press freedom in Pakistan."

The government has "full faith in an unqualified commitment to democracy — to all democratic norms, all the democratic traditions and all democratic practices," he said.

Rajiv foe refused bail

NEW DELHI, Sept. 5. (AP) — A political adversary of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, charged in the murder of India's national badminton champion, was denied bail today, the United News of India reported.

The bail request of Sanjay Singh, a member of the opposition Jan Morcha (people's movement) party, was rejected by a magistrate in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state, the news agency said.

Singh, 32, is accused of conspiring in the July 28 murder of Saeed Modi. His arrest Saturday followed having an affair with Modi's wife, Ameeta, and that he had conspired with her to kill the athlete.

An official of the Central Bureau of Investigation said detectives had found evidence of the affair after weeks of searching for a motive.

Modi, 28, was gunned down with a .38-calibre pistol as he left a Lucknow sports stadium after evening practice.

Four people, including a close associate of Singh, were arrested last month. On Aug. 21, Ms. Modi was arrested but was released on bail three days later because she said there was no one to care for her six-month-old daughter.

In India, people accused of murder are not usually granted bail.

Singh was an Uttar Pradesh state cabinet minister until last year. He is the son of the royal family of Amethi, Rajiv's constituency.

Rajiv and Singh fell out last year after Singh publicly differed with the Uttar Pradesh chief minister and petitioned Rajiv for his removal. Rajiv sided with the chief minister, and Singh quit the Congress (I) Party.

Deng well: official

BEIJING, Sept. 5. (Reuters) — China's 84-year-old senior leader Deng Xiaoping smoked and joked with state guests today and officials said he was enjoying good health.

"This is an imperialist-made cigarette," Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak said jokingly as he offered a Western brand to Deng.

Deng laughed and murmured in appreciation but stuck to his own Chinese cigarettes.

Asked to comment on Western press reports that Deng was in failing health with prostate problems, the Foreign Ministry replied in a statement "Deng Xiaoping is in good health."

Khaddafi expects better ties with US

ABOARD the MV Granata, Sept. 5. (Reuters) — Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi has said he expects an improvement in relations with the United States, which bombed Libya in 1986, after a new US administration takes office next year.

"I expect that relations with the United States will improve after the end of the present administration," he told a news conference on this Libyan car ferry 125 km (80 miles) northwest of Tripoli.

Khaddafi was on a Mediterranean cruise with Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to inaugurate an offshore Libyan oilfield. Khaddafi threw a party regaling Ben Ali with Libya's finest poets and singers.

Asked which candidate for November's US presidential elections he favoured, he said:

"The one I would back would lose and I would not like to make anyone lose."

President Reagan ordered the bombardment of Tripoli and Benghazi in April 1986, accusing Libya of supporting terrorism. Libya says it backs liberation movements but not terrorism.

Tripoli's diplomatic corps and foreign journalists in town for the 19th anniversary of Khaddafi's socialist revolution were rushed to Tripoli's port for the 4-hour cruise to ferry Ben Ali, a new ally in Khaddafi's quest for North African unity.

Khaddafi announced the creation of a joint Tunisian-Libyan oil exploration company. The two leaders inaugurated Libya's offshore Bourj oilfield, the largest yet discovered in the Mediterranean, which started production last month at a test

rate of 10,000 barrels per day.

Khaddafi agreed to give part of the field's revenue to joint development projects with Tunisia.

MV Granata pulled out of harbour shortly after midnight on Saturday, however, only a few knew Khaddafi was on board and that the first destination was the Tunisian port of Zarzis.

Ben Ali was picked up at Zarzis yesterday morning.

At a news conference, both leaders spoke of a new stage in their relations, embittered in the past by a dispute over mineral rights and by Libya's expulsion of Tunisian workers in 1985.

"We have opened a new page in unity," Khaddafi said.

"We are working to consolidate unity and confirm it day by day with hardened determination," said Ben Ali.

Chun's brother jailed for seven years for corruption

SEOUL, Sept. 5. (UPI) — The brother of former President Chun Doo Hwan was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined the equivalent of nearly \$4.4 million on his conviction today on corruption charges, officials of the Seoul district court said.

The conviction of the former President's younger brother was the first against Chun's inner circle of family members and associates who are targets of a wide-ranging corruption investigation spearheaded by the opposition-dominated National Assembly.

Chun Kyung-Hwan, 46, was arrested March 31, a little more than one month after Chun Doo Hwan stepped down from the presidency. Chun rose to power through a 1979 military coup and placed close associates and relatives in powerful positions.



Chun Kyung-Hwan: wrong-doing evasion.

"Chun had been engaged in a variety of social welfare businesses like the Saemaul Movement and the Foundation for Cultivation of Korean Leaders," said judge Park Young-Mu.

"Nevertheless, he committed many wrongdoings by making use of them. In this regard, he must be given a heavy penalty despite his status as a brother of the former president."

Eleven others were also convicted today and sentenced to terms ranging from one to two years. Some of the defendants

had their sentences suspended.

Besides Chun, the other defendants included Kim Seung-Woong, the brother-in-law of Lee Soon-Ja, who is the wife of former President Chun.

In closing arguments at his trial Aug. 23, prosecutors asked for a sentence of 15 years in prison, a fine of \$2.9 million and a penalty tax of \$1.87 million for "Baby Chun," as he is sometimes known.

At that time, Chun said "I didn't know what's going on. All matters concerned with my businesses were carried out by the other staff of the Saemaul Movement headquarters."

Both the defense and prosecution said they would appeal the sentence to a higher court, according to court officials quoted by the national Yonhap news agency.

President Roh Tae-Woo, a former military ally who helped bring Chun to power, promised to clean up corruption during his campaign for the presidency.

However, the real pressure for investigations against officials of the former regime began after April 26 when three opposition parties won enough seats to dominate the ruling Democratic Justice Party in the one house legislature.

Damage

Some members of the ruling Congress (I) Party also have urged finding a way to save face, fearing the bill could further damage the party's declining popularity before the next general election, which must be held before January 1990.

The prime minister, however, says he is "fully convinced" the bill is needed.

About 1,000 reporters, editors and leading opposition politicians gathered today at India Gate, the national monument to World War I victims, and then marched to the Boat Club, near Parliament.

They carried placards, and chanted "Repeat the black law."

Production

The M-9, which has a maximum range of 375 miles (600 kms) and is capable of striking targets in Israel from Syria, is said to be several months away from production.

During his four-day stay in Beijing, his first trip to China since taking over as defence secretary in November, Carlucci is also scheduled to meet with senior leader Deng Xiaoping, Premier Li Peng and Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang.

Carlucci will visit the Great Wall before leaving Thursday for a brief stopover in the ancient Chinese capital of Xian.

Cairo rounds up illegal aliens

CAIRO, Sept. 5. (AP) — Immigration police rounded up a number of illegal aliens today and prepared to deport them, authorities said. A principal target appeared to be Asian women working as maids and domestics without proper papers.

A source in the Philippine community said 40 Filipinas had been caught in the first hours of the sweep. A few Sri Lankan women were reported also to have been seized.

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Minister heads delegation to information conference

THE Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah left Kuwait yesterday for Baghdad to attend the 23rd session of the Arab Information Ministers Conference which begins today.

He was accompanied by Bahrain's Minister of Information Tareq Al Mouayyad.

The two-day conference will focus on the informational functions of the missions of the Arab League and will look into establishing an Arab television production company. The Arab information effort within the Arab nation and internationally will also be discussed.

Sheikh Jaber is heading a powerful delegation including Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaafar and the manager of the Technical Office, Rida Al Feili.

Assistant Undersecretary

Hamad Al Roumi and top ministry personnel saw the ministers off at the airport.

The conference was preceded by a meeting of the Arab League's permanent information committee, which began meeting in the Iraqi capital last Saturday and was scheduled to finish preparations yesterday.

Kuwait's delegation to the meeting was headed by Undersecretary of Information Abdul Aziz Jaafar.

The first Arab Information Ministers Conference was held in Cairo in 1964 to organise the Arab mass media to confront hostile campaigns.

Apart from setting up a number of specialised Arab institutions, including Arab satellite and league information offices abroad.

Arab information ministers also wrote an Arab Information Code of Ethics and a collective information strategy.

During the opening of the conference today, Arab information ministers will follow up measures adopted to support the current Palestinian uprising on the regional and global levels.

They will also consider draft statutes for a planned specialised council of information ministers similar to those grouping Arab ministers of health and social affairs and labour.

The conferees will also review a report on activities by Arab League offices abroad by an ad hoc committee headed by Kuwait's information minister.

They will also consider arranging an Afro-Arab journalistic meeting.



HH the Amir talks with Bahrain's Minister of Information, Tareq Al Mouayyad, (centre) while Kuwait's Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad (left) looks on.

Uprising will continue until independent state is established

A PALESTINIAN deportee, who was expelled last January by the Zionist authorities, said yesterday that the popular uprising is a natural response to Israel's atrocious and brutal measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab lands.

Bashar Al Khayri, in a press conference in the Kuwait office of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine, said that the Palestinian upheaval, entering its ninth month on Thursday, will go on until an independent Palestinian state is established.

He indicated that 400,000 Palestinians have been arrested and jailed during the past 20 years. Since the outbreak of the revolt last Dec. 8, several towns were completely destroyed and their inhabitants displaced. Eighteen concentration camps were opened to accommodate

22,000 Palestinian detainees and 10,000 Palestinians were injured, some of whom were disabled permanently by the savage Israeli troops, he said.

The deportee, denied reports that there is no connection between leaders of the uprising in the occupied Arab lands and the National Palestinian leadership abroad. He said the raging revolt is led by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Discussing the recent Jordanian decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank, Khayri said, "It was one of the political gains of the uprising."

Khayri pointed out that the Palestinian upheaval lacks Arab support despite decisions of the Algiers Extraordinary Summit to establish a support fund. "No contributions by Arab countries

were made yet," he said.

He called on all Arab regimes and Arab national organisations to protect and financially back the Palestinian struggle.

Regarding the Palestinian government-in-exile, he indicated that consultations at all levels are under way to take proper steps in this respect.

The Israeli parties' stances toward the Palestinian cause remain unchanged, he said. The current statements by those parties are only to attract media attention to the forthcoming Israeli election.

The national leadership of the Palestinian revolt, which comprises several Palestinian factions, welcomes other resistance groups to help retrieve the Palestinians' legitimate rights and establish the independent Palestinian state.

Ceasefire brings inexpensive shrimp

KUWAITI shrimp prices dropped drastically at the local fish market, according to the local daily, Al Seyassah.

Prices were quoted at KD 1,500 per kilo. This reduction is the first of its kind in three years when prices ranged between KD 2,500 to KD 3,000 per kilo.

The fish market was crowded on Sunday and it was a buyer's market with plenty of shrimp available at reduced rates.

The daily also published results of an opinion poll of a cross-section of shoppers.

Cheaper

Badriyah Jaber said that prices are comparatively cheaper than previous years. He attributed this to the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq.

Fatimah Jaber echoed the opinion of her sister and said that this is the first benefit from the ceasefire.

Naser Al Hashash said that Kuwaiti shrimp at these prices will contribute towards shrimp being on top of all Kuwaiti menus. He said he hopes the trend of lower prices will continue.

Nurses to be withdrawn from educational institutions

THE Ministry of Health decided yesterday to withdraw all its nurses from Kuwait University, institutes and higher secondary schools.

The decision will become effective on Sept 10 — the first day of the new term for secondary students.

The ministry will retain nurses at kindergartens and primary and intermediate schools. It also expressed readiness to hold a training course for those chosen to replace the nurses. Health centres have been instructed to admit students in their areas and provide them with necessary medical help.

Demand

The decision comes in response to the demand for nurses in some hospitals and medical centres.

Meanwhile, Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, assistant undersecretary for student affairs at the Ministry of Education, told heads of school activities departments to take more care of school canteens. He also told them to ban the sale of cold drinks at school canteens to protect students' teeth. The decision is based on the advice of the Ministry of Health, he said.

Tax-free exports from UAE to Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Sept. 5. (KUNA): Products exported to Saudi Arabia from United Arab Emirates factories will be tax-free, a press release issued here today by the general secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council said.

The release said the decision conforms with the Unified Economic Agreement of the GCC states.

A committee of the GCC general secretariat, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, was formed recently to discuss difficulties facing UAE industrial products.

The UAE exports were taxed by Saudi Arabia contrary to the Unified Economic Agreement of

the six member states of the council.

The release noted that the committee informed the Saudi Ministry of Finance and National Economy to exempt the UAE imports from taxes.

In its meeting in Aug 30-31 the committee decided to hold another meeting later to solve suspended issues.

Customs directors, who hold their 13th meeting next month, will discuss exempting GCC cement and chemical products from taxes, the release said.

The economic and financial co-operation committee of the council in its 18th meeting decided to not tax raw tobacco of the member states.

Security Council urged to push Gulf peace talks

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the Geneva negotiations, even if it's in the final stages."

Saudi Arabia has sent its ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, to Geneva to help with the mediation efforts.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, said yesterday that Resolution 598, stipulates that the non-belligerent Gulf states have a role in guaranteeing freedom of navigation in the waterway and "in finding a formula that guarantees peace and stability for the region."

The GCC ministers had been expected to discuss ways of speeding up a settlement between Iran and Iraq, whose nearly eight-year war threatened to spill into the rest of the region.

Diplomatic sources in the region have said the GCC was expected to help in post-war reconstruction in both Iran and Iraq, but officials said the issue was not discussed in Riyadh.

"We do not think of how to cross the bridge until we reach it. It is a long way ahead," GCC secretary-general Abdullah Bishara told reporters.

"The people next to the fire are



Sheikh Sabah trying to put out the fire," one Gulf diplomat in Geneva commented.

The GCC ministers also discussed the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, saying it represented a new reality which necessitated an international Middle East peace conference.

The ministers agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on Nov 1 to prepare for a GCC summit in Bahrain in December.

Sheikh Sabah returned to Kuwait tonight after attending the Riyadh meeting.

Mirghani seeks to boost Sudan-Iraq co-operation

BAGHDAD, Sept. 5. (KUNA): Leader of the Sudanese Democratic Unionist Party

Mohammed Othman Al Mirghani opened talks here today on boosting co-operation between the two Arab countries.

Revolutionary Command Council member and First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan headed the Iraqi side in the talks with Al Mirghani whose party is co-ruling in the three-party concord government of Premier Sadik Al Mahdi, leader of the Umma Party.

The opening talks today explored avenues of political co-operation between the Democratic Unionist Party and the ruling Arab Baath Party.

Overall Sudanese-Iraqi co-operation and the current talks in Geneva between Iraq and Iran were also touched in the talks which decided to set up joint specialised committees to look

into fostering co-operation in all fields, the Iraqi News Agency said.

Later President Saddam Hussein received Al Mirghani who extended congratulations of the Sudanese people on the victories scored by Iraq and thanked Iraqi aid to the victims of the floods in Sudan.

Iraq clearing Umm Qasr port

LONDON, Sept. 5. (OPECNA): Iraq has begun moves to clear tonnage trapped for the last eight years at the northern Gulf port of Umm Qasr, it was reported here yesterday.

According to a specialised shipping newspaper, Lloyd's List, three vessels had already been moved and preparations were in hand for the remaining six.

Kuwait participates in conference for the handicapped

TOKYO, Sept. 5. (KUNA): Kuwait will participate in a five-day international conference here on improving the social situation of the handicapped in the world.

The Kuwaiti delegation includes eight members headed by Social Affairs Assistant Undersecretary, Latifa Issa Al Rejehi. Two thousand representatives from 90 states will participate in the conference.

Japan's Prime Minister Nohoru Takeshita told participants during the opening ses-

sion today that the government of Japan will do its utmost to encourage international efforts for social rehabilitation for the handicapped.

The conferees will discuss co-ordinating policies related to the disabled.

The organisers of the conference said 10 per cent of the world's population or 450 million people are disabled.

The organisers said 300 million of the world's handicapped do not have adequate social facilities.

Kuwait joins Sport Aid '88 charity

By Jadranka Porter

THOUSANDS of people in Kuwait are expected to join millions throughout the world in a global Race Against Time, a Sport Aid '88 charity event on Sept 11.

But the event in fact is not strictly a race, both runners and walkers are invited to compete, said the co-ordinator of Kuwait's event, Ray Jermey, Messilah Beach Hotel Recreation Club manager.

Proceeds will go towards programmes to save children's lives.

The 10-km race in Kuwait will begin at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 11 at 6 pm and will be run or walked simultaneously by some 50 million people throughout the world. Entrants are required to travel at least one kilometre.

Kuwait joined the event rather late. Organisers from Sport Aid '88 in London officially approached Kuwait but received a less than enthusiastic response.

Help

The cause was then embraced by Ray Jermey, who ran in a similar event in England two years ago. Jermey is now urging people to join the competition which can help save the lives of children born into an unfortunate situation.

Jermey has special race numbers which participants can get for a fee that will go towards the charity projects. Funds are also expected to be collected through sponsorship and donations.

Jermey said that the response in Kuwait in the last two days since the event was announced, has been immense.

Some 100,000 people from all Islamic countries are joining the Race Against Time. About 25,000 people in Dubai alone will participate, according to Jermey.

Flood-hit Sudan is still planning to take part in the race des-

pite the crisis which has left more than a million people homeless and threatened the lives of hundreds of thousands of children.

Deputy Head of State, the Excellency Idris El Banna, head of the Sport Aid '88 National Organising Committee.

In a letter to Sport Aid '88, the Red Crescent society in Kuwait town declared that "despite the sad conditions of this disaster, we have the hope and the will to help change the world."

In Cairo, over 15,000 people will join the Race Against Time on a specially designed route around the pyramids. The Excellency Susan Mubarak is patron of Egypt's programme and Dr Gamal El Dine, president of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sport, is organising the event this fall.

The late President Mohamed Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan's last official announcement, hours before he died, was a message urging all Pakistanis to join the Sport Aid '88 campaign to build a better future for children everywhere.

In response, over 10,000 people in Karachi, Islamabad and Lahore will be running the Race Against Time.

An ice skating, marching and fancy dress show are on Oman's programme of events to raise money for Sport Aid '88. 3,000 people running the Race Against Time. A parachute play is planned for less than 100 spectators.

Telecasts

The most complex telecasts and radiocasts ever produced will cover the Race Against Time and the World Carnival. Up to 23 times on all six continents will be broadcast to a potential viewing and listening audience of more than 1.5 billion.

Malaysia, one of the sites of both the race programme and the Carnival, is to hold its first 24-hour television in Kuala Lumpur, beginning with a musical extravaganza with artists and stars from Malaysia, Singapore and Sarawak. The Race Against Time closing ceremony will be marked by a live global telecast of a sunset spectacular over the South Indian Ocean.

The Austrian paper 'Die Presse' confirmed that the Saudi government plans to send its ambassador to Beijing in the near future.

The Saudi step comes in the light of the recent growing economic commercial and military co-operation between Beijing and Gulf Arab states, the daily noted.

Qatar recently established relations with China.

The Saudi diplomatic contracts with China and other Eastern Bloc countries are the result, according to the paper, of Riyadh's disappointment over Washington's decision of banning arms sales to the kingdom.

Riyadh, in return decided to buy arms from the UK and China, it noted.

Sponsorship warning

THE Ministry of Interior has warned establishments, citizens and expatriates not to employ expatriates who are not sponsored by them.

The department specifically warned against hiring or employing domestic maids or drivers. The warning came in the wake of many reports that maids or drivers fled from their sponsors.

Employers have been cautioned against leaving passports with employees. At least 10 cases of maids and drivers disappearing with their passports have been registered at various police stations, the department said.

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Iraq displays captured Iranian arsenal

BAGHDAD, Sept. 5. (AP): Iraq yesterday displayed hundreds of captured Iranian tanks and artillery pieces to underline its claim that its Gulf war foe suffered devastating losses in battles before last month's United Nations-sponsored ceasefire.

"I believe it's all of Iran here," joked Brigadier Muthanna Al Nasiri as he stood before an array of weaponry that stretched in deep ranks for more than a mile (1.5 kilometres) on a dusty lot on Baghdad's outskirts.

"They promised to come to Baghdad and they came in this way," he added.

Nasiri, director of the Army's education department, said the weapons on display were one-third of those captured from Iran in six Iraqi offensives since April this year.

There appeared to be at least 200 Soviet, Chinese, British and American-made tanks scattered around the lot — one-fifth of the armour Iran was estimated to have lost last year.

Nasiri said the display did not include 169 captured British and American tanks Iraq last month

gave Jordan, which supported Baghdad in the nearly 8-year-old war.

But he refused to estimate the number of weapons in the display shown to foreign military attaches and reporters.

Nasiri was earlier quoted by the Army's Al Qadisiyah newspaper as saying the captured hardware was "evidence of the Iranian defeat, because many of these weapons were left in good shape by the Iranians."

"What other meaning can you give to any Army which leaves behind such a huge quantity of usable weapons other than that it was not prepared to fight?" he told the newspaper.

The attaches and journalists strolled past row after row of Soviet-designed T-54, T-55 and T-62 tanks, British-made Chieftains and American M-47s and M-60s.

The American and British armour was sold to the late Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi before he was toppled by Ayatollah Khomeini's 1979 Islamic revolution.

The Soviet hardware was

either captured by the Iranians from the Iraqis, or bought by Tehran from China and North Korea.

Some appeared to be in relatively good shape. Others were battered and a few were little more than shell-mangled hulks.

There seemed to be hundreds of armoured personnel carriers, bulldozers, self-propelled guns, field artillery, pickup trucks and heavy vehicles.

Sections of the lot resembled a tangled forest of anti-aircraft guns, mortars, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and rifles.

Parked near a row of two dozen Chinese-made 130mm artillery pieces, their long barrels poking into the sky, was a pickup truck mounted with two gas cylinders marked for poison gas neutralisation.

Military attaches at the display said they did not notice any unusual or surprising weapons.

"There's nothing worth taking pictures of," one said.

Iraq said it captured the weaponry in a series of offensives that began with the capture of

the Faw Peninsula at the southern tip of Iraq in April.

That battle was the prelude to a string of Iraqi victories in which the Iraqis won back all the territory they had lost to Iran over the past six years.

The Iraqis even pushed into west Iran after regaining the offensive for the first time since the start of the conflict, when they seized chunks of southern Iran until they were driven back across the border in 1982.

Following this year's string of defeats, Iran announced on July 18 that it was unconditionally accepting the UN Security Council's year-old ceasefire resolution.

The display of captured arms appeared to have two main political aims for the Iraqis.

It was being held as part of ceremonies marking the eighth anniversary of Iranian shelling of Iraqi border villages on Sept 4, 1980, which Baghdad dates as the start of the war.

The display also underscored Iraq's arguments that it won the war and forced Iran to sue for peace.

EVENTS

American comedy popular in Kuwait

ARABIC newspapers are abuzz with reports about the popularity of the American comedy 227, now being shown every Friday night on KTV 2.

As the tenants of apartment building "227" struggle to keep their heads above water so did the two principal actresses of the show, Maria Gibbs and Jackie Harry.

Maria plays Mary Jenkins on the show and Jackie is Sandra Clark, a sexy, single receptionist whom the men can't keep their eyes off and the women can't stop talking about.

Maria and Jackie were at odds over who was the star of the show, feuding over their rating. Both kept to themselves during filming and were not on talking terms.

Maria Gibbs, best known for her role in The Jeffersons, was signed to play the main role in the comedy. At that time Jackie was making a guest appearance as Sandra Clark. Sandra became so popular that the 227 producers decided to give her a bigger role. As a result, Maria had to share the limelight with Jackie. What sparked the dispute was the fan mail Jackie was getting. After Jackie won an Emmy award for her performance, the dispute between the two stars of the show has faded. Jackie and Maria have reportedly worked out their off-screen dispute.



Jackie Harry (Sandra) and Maria Gibbs (Mary Jenkins) in 227.



Kuwait's SAS Hotel recently appointed Jorgen Rathjen (right) as its executive assistant manager in charge of food and beverage. Rathjen, who worked at the SAS Scandinavia in Copenhagen for 15 years, recently took over from outgoing F & B manager Adrien Ort (left).

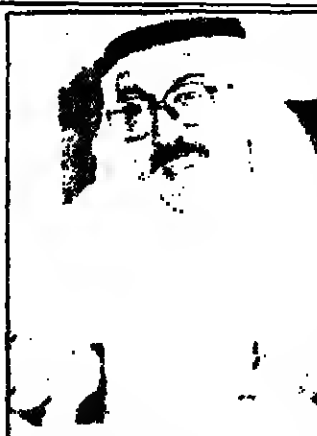
Shortage of directors at KTV

KUWAIT TV director Bader Al Mudhaf said there is a shortage of experienced film producers and directors at KTV. Al Mudhaf, in an interview with an Arabic daily, said some directors producing Arabic serials for Kuwait TV were "useless" and were not doing a good job.

Calling Kuwaiti youths to study film production and direction he said there was a need to spruce up these sections. "We need qualified Kuwaiti directors to take the responsibility of drama productions," he said.

The director also criticised the "lack of interest among Kuwaiti youth to take up jobs in television."

Kuwait TV recently revised its recruitment policy, employ-



Bader Al Mudhaf

ing only adequately qualified personnel.

Al Mudhaf, who recently returned from Cairo, said he discussed technical co-operation with his Egyptian counterparts. Several Egyptian script-writers have been hired to work on serials for KTV. He also selected a number of Egyptian serials for showing on KTV 1.

Kuwait play at Cairo festival

THE Arab-Kuwait Theatre group arrives in Cairo today to take part in the first international festival for experimental theatre. The festival started on Sept 2.

Mohammad Sulaiman told KUNA the group will stage a play entitled "Ethorob Beware" on Sept 8 and 9 at the Al Salam Theatre in Cairo. The play, performed at previous festivals in

the Arab world, focuses on the collapse of the famous Marah Dam and how the people overcame the calamity.

Sulaiman said his team will "get acquainted with new trends in theatre" and learn from the experience of other theatre groups attending the festival. A large number of Arab and foreign countries are participating in the festival.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Tales from Around the World: cartoon serial
- 10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: episode 9, daily serial
- 11.15 Al Raheel: local series, ep. 5, featuring Suad Abdullah, Ghanem Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Khalid Al Nafisi, Ali Buraiqi
- 12.15 Silver Spoons
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Songs and Music
- 2.35 Araq Al Daliyah: Arabic series
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
- 4.15 Al Sawwaq Taxi: Arabic drama, featuring Abdul Munim Madbouli, Samiya Al Afifi, Ahmad Rabe, Widad Hamdi.
- 6.45 Summer '88
- 7.05 Wajoh Wa Ahdath: Faces and Events, presented by Adel Malek
- 8.30 Wa Qalat Al Arab: daily series
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Al Sukhri Tadawar: daily serial
- 10.50 A Talk with Amina Rizk: this programme features Arab actress Amina Rizk. Excerpts from her films will also be shown. Hosted by Mufeeda Fawzi.
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 World News via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown



Tom Selleck in Magnum, tonight at 8.40 pm, KTV 2.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rubick: cartoons
- 6.30 Chocky: another exciting adventure with Chocky in the lead
- 7.00 Australian Ark: "The Small World." There are 250 million species of animals in Australia, including reptiles, fish and birds. Tonight a look at their habitat.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law
- 8.40 Magnum: "Forever in Time." Magnum is infatuated with an elusive local girl. Starring: Tom Selleck.
- 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic subtitles. Edward develops a new motor for his plan and succeeds in the first trial flight.
- 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Snow Way to Treat." Part 2.
- 10.30 B W feature film: "Let George Do It." Starring: George Formby, Phyllis Calver, Bernard Lee.
- 11.30 News Summary, Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 0015 News about Britain
- 0030 News in Arabic
- 0045 News about Britain
- 0060 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
- 0075 News about Britain
- 0090 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
- 0105 News about Britain
- 0120 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
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- 1955 News about Britain
- 2010 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
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- 2125 News about Britain
- 2140 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
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- 2410 News Summary followed by "Outlook"

- 09 Reflections
- 15 Health Matters (ex 27th Tech Talk)
- 30 Beethoven (ex 20th and 27th New Music)
- 0900 World News
- 0915 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sport
- 45 English Songs (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
- 1000 News Summary followed by "Outlook"
- 1015 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 Book Choice
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Radio News
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK (ex 20th and 27th Sportsworld)
- 45 Recordings of the Week
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Without Strings (ex 27th)
- 1500 Radio News
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Citizens

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Betterment Qaul
- 1915 Programme Preview
- 1920 Soaps
- 1935 Pros Report
- 1940 Pros Report
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

PRAYERS

- Fajr 4.08 am
- Zuhr 11.46
- Asr 3.18 pm
- Maghreb 6.03
- Isha 7.22

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Deadly Friend
Starring: Christi Swanson
Al Sahmya
Action Jackson
Starring: Carol Wades

Starring: Mihun Chakraborty, Dimple Kapadia, Raj Kumar
Fahadhel Open-Air
Lover (Hindi)
Al Fahadhel
Equalizer 200
Al Jabra
Akashi Pari (Bengali)
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Kuwait Sheraton Hotel in co-operation with the KAC recently held a cooking demonstration for the ladies of the KAC Club. Chef Roberto Usal of the Riccardo Restaurant demonstrated the method of cooking Italian cuisine. KAC Club Manager Bader Al Kous and Sheraton's public relations manager Mounir Amer welcomed the guests. Above: Chef Usal, and his assistants, at the cooking demonstration. Mounir Amer (third from right) and a KAC official is also seen.

Raffles
RAFFLES, the greatest crack-smart in the literature of roguery, returns to BBC World Service in a new series of adventures related by his friend and reluctant accomplice, Bunny Manders. Once more he is pursued by the indefatigable Inspector Mackenzie, whose suspicions about the gentleman cricketer and his literary chum grow at each encounter. Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane team together as Raffles and Bunny and Henry Stamper is Inspector Mackenzie.

(Tues. Sept 6, 0930 hrs; repeat Sept 7, 1915 hrs.)

Celluloid Rock

Film buff Steve Wright presents the first of 12 programmes covering more than 30 years of rock music in the cinema. In the first programme, Rock and Roll, Jerry Leiber guides the listener through the first era of rock on film.

BBC weekly highlights

Rock music in cinema



Jeremy Clyde (left) is Raffles and Michael Cochrane plays Bunny in Raffles.

Language Extra

Why does a BBC World Service newscaster speak more deliberately than a racing commentator? What criteria are used in the compiling of dictionaries? Find out more about

the fascination of language with writer, broadcaster and English language teacher Francis Halliwell as guide. (Sept 6, 1030 hrs.)

Recommended frequencies for Kuwait are: 1413 kHz; 212 MW, 19.91 m/31.88m

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday thru Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show. **Tareq Rajab Museum**
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer times are 9 am to 12 noon and 4.40 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

EDUCATION

British Council

The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs. Kate Harris on 251-5512/253-3204.

MUSIC

Guitar Recital

German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity", one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 252391/252391 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on Sept 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Sal-sah cinema on Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolfs 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Indian Ballet

Narbhana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and

a number of Nrithasipilas at its annual show, Nritholsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7:00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

East meets West

The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funatees, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC - 3904817.

Beat Show

The Kuwaiti Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funatees. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups - City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwaiti Goans.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Players poolside BBQ

The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets - KD2. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tel: 3941572 for details.

D'Assisi Association

The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual (thanksgiving mass on Oct 7 at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 pm. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin - 5746754 after 6 pm or Henry - 3291909 (am).

Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolfs 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tont, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8:00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.



Kiwi tarts, tartlets, millefeuille, sundeeds, juices and milkshakes are featured at the Kiwi promotion, now on at the Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie. The promotion continues until Sept 16.

Goan Fiesta 88

The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba Ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details tele: 4813740.

CINEMA

Cine Club

Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering - diwaniya - every Wednesday, beginning this week (Sept 7) at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St. Bneid Al Qor. The diwaniya is open to members, their invites and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

Local Hero

The feature film Local Hero will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya, on Saturday (Sept 10) and Sunday (Sept 11) at 6.30 pm. Starring: Burt Lancaster, Peter Reiger and Denis Lawson. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512.

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes are offered daily at the

Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At the Sharraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo's is closed for lunch on Fridays.

At Hambra

The Marcus Band provides live entertainment. Le Tarbouche offers special lunch and dinner buffet featuring a selection of Arab cuisine. The Coffee Shop offers a large variety of international cuisine including a daily special.

Experience Italian hospitality

in the Riccardo restaurant with live entertainment by the Sienna Duo. The Riccardo is closed for lunch on Friday.

At the Ramada

Al Bender coffee shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

At Gandouli Grill Garden

open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Arguilla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open every day 7 to 11 pm.

Fish and Chips shop

open from 4 to 11 pm nightly. Take away counter, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

At the Continental

The Gardenia, open from 7 am to midnight, offers buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food for dinner on Thursdays and at lunch on Fridays.

The Darbar offers lunch buffet every Thursday. A la carte for dinner.

La Patisserie is promoting

Kiwi fruit. On offer are Kiwi cakes, meringue pies, cheesecakes, juices, milkshakes and sundeeds. Also enjoy freshly baked cakes, pastries and a variety of cold drinks and icecream creations. Open daily from 10.30 am to 10.45 pm. The promotion ends on Sept 16.

At the Kuwait Plaza

The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini-business lunch. Icecream festival at the International Food Arcade, 4 to 10 pm, light snacks also available; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la

carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

The Marco Polo restaurant

offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

SPORTS

Sailing - KOSA Open Day

K.O.S.A. - the Kuwait Off-shore Sailing Association - will hold an Open Day at Shaab Yacht Club on Friday, Sept 9, from 1400 hours. Anyone interested in offshore sailing are invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of sailing followed by a BBQ. For details contact John Waters or Frank Graham on tele: 5326145 or 2466848.

Feed the World

Sport Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchronised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: Messilah Beach Hotel, 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of one km or a maximum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751.

IVth Winners Cup

cricket tournament. The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre.

Boy's Own Club

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ANGER repressed can poison a relationship as surely as the cruellest word — Joyce Brothers, US psychologist-journalist (1925 —).

US presidential race

Reagan pushed into background

By Gene Gibbons

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (Reuters). For the first time since he entered the presidency in 1981, Ronald Reagan has all but vanished from the limelight during his annual three-week summer vacation.

Since he symbolically transferred Republican leadership to George Bush at their party's New Orleans convention last month, Reagan has spent most of his time putting about his sprawling California ranch, seemingly content to let Bush and Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis dominate the headlines.

Leaving a party a few days ago, the 77-year-old US leader, who steps down on Jan 20, 1989 after serving the legal limit of two four-year terms in the White House, jokingly remarked he had to "go home and milk the cows."

Except for a brief visit to Los Angeles last week, where he took part in several Republican fund-raising and teamed up with Bush at a campaign rally, Reagan has spent his entire vacation horsing around, chopping wood and clearing brush.

Remarkable By the time he returns to Washington today, he will have spent a total of 335 days of his remarkable, sometimes turbulent presidency at his mountaintop ranch located 30 miles (50 km) north of here.

But none of his previous stays have been as quiet as this one and neither Reagan nor members of his staff have tried to create the impression that much work has been done.

When a reporter complained it was hard to justify remaining in Santa Barbara, a posh, idyllic seaside resort, given the dearth of news, one White House aide remarked: "He's still the president, and if anything happens, you'll earn your pay."

Indeed, Reagan's absence from view has been due in part to unusually calm international conditions.

In other years, even like the war in Lebanon and the 1983

Soviet downing of a South Korean (KAL) passenger jet have shattered his efforts to take a break from affairs of state.

Reagan, who has often observed that "presidents don't get a vacation, they just get a change of scenery" was forced to cut short his 1983 holiday to deal with the KAL crisis.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater, reflecting the carefree atmosphere that has prevailed during Reagan's last vacation as president, has held only a few news briefings for an unusually small press corps in Santa Barbara this year.

Fitzwater opened a recent one question-and-answer session by flippantly announcing that a television network was throwing a party for the presidential entourage at a local hotel that "rents by the hour."

"I take that back. That's off the record. I was just kidding, folks," he hastily added as reporters howled with laughter.

Fitzwater was so confident nothing would intrude on Reagan's stay that he made an overnight jaunt to the scenic big Sur area about 100 miles (160 km) up the coast from Santa Barbara, leaving a deputy in charge of the press office.

Other senior staffers also took advantage of the slow pace at Reagan's ranch to get away from it all.

White House Chief-of-Staff Kenneth Duberstein returned to Washington midway through the president's Santa Barbara stay and Lieutenant-General Colin Powell, the president's National Security Adviser, went off on a trip to the Caribbean.

Recapture White House officials said they were certain Reagan would recapture public attention between now and the Nov 8 election to choose his successor.

"It's going to be a pretty hectic 60 days," said one staffer, noting that Reagan would be trying to persuade Congress to continue aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels and pass a host of other measures, including legislation to implement the US-Canada free trade agreement.

Serbian nationalist unrest

Civil war fears rise in Yugoslavia

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuters). An upsurge of Serbian nationalist unrest, marked by growing street protests against ethnic Albanians, has stirred fears of civil war in communist Yugoslavia.

An estimated 90,000 Yugoslavs joined four mass protests on Saturday in a pressure campaign to wrest back Serbia's two stray autonomous provinces — Kosovo and Vojvodina.

At the Danube steel town of Smederevo, as many as 70,000 people massed by some estimates, and police said it was the biggest demonstration in Yugoslavia since World War II. The protesters demanded guns and martial law in Kosovo.

Thousands more gathered on Sunday at Crvenka, in the heart of Vojvodina, for a similar demonstration.

"Where is all this leading to?" asked Draza Markovic, a now retired former president of Serbia.

"Aren't we already at the very brink of an abyss?" He told the Yugoslav Party Central Committee in a letter, extracts of which were obtained by Reuters.

Crisis He said the Serbian campaign was leading to a serious crisis that "could only be resolved by a coup d'etat or civil war."

Serbia, the biggest of the six Yugoslav republics, is unique in having two provinces over which it has hardly any control, and it claims this puts it at a disadvantage within Yugoslavia.

The situation was created in the 1974 Yugoslav constitution by the late autocratic Yugoslav leader Josip Broz Tito, to ally fears that a strong Serbia would dominate the federation.

The provinces effectively have all the powers of veto equal to the six republics within the communist federation.

Serbian Communist Party

leader Slobodan Milosevic is spearheading a constitutional reform drive to bring the provinces back under direct Serbian rule.

He has won massive popular appeal in Serbia for his gambit, with demonstrators hailing him as Yugoslavia's new strongman.

The Serbs are a nation of over eight million, the most numerous race among the 23 million Yugoslavs but the Serbian Republic, excluding its provinces has only five million people, with millions of Serbs in other parts of the country.

Terrorised

Kosovo has 200,000 Serbs and other Slavs who allege they are terrorised by the 1.7 million Albanian majority in a campaign to drive them out and leave the way open for Kosovo's secession to neighbouring Albania.

Vojvodina has two million people, 55 per cent Serbs and the rest predominantly ethnic Hungarians and Romanians. Milosevic has to win over Vojvodina to secure constitutional changes.

Markovic described Milosevic as a dangerous man who was trying to provoke a coup or civil war so that unconstitutional methods could eventually be used to alter Yugoslavia.

Rallies

"Never has there been more talk of democracy by leaders, but never such a lack of democracy in the Serbian Party," he said, referring to elections for Serbian political posts involving imposed single candidates, unlike other Yugoslav regions where democratisation and multiple candidacy are growing fashionable.

The Serbian rallies, coinciding with worker unrest over 200 per cent inflation and high debts, have brought politics to the street in a way never seen before in Yugoslavia.

It is happening again in Asia

By Larry Thorson

TOKYO, (AP). It is happening again in Asia: masses of people taking to the streets in a sustained drive against an authoritarian government.

For the past few weeks it has been Burma. Little over a year ago it was South Korea. In February 1986, people power in Manila led to the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos as president of the Philippines.

The three sagas unfolded differently, in markedly different circumstances. But each resulted in changes that were breathtaking for their countries. And there were signs that the crowds in South Korea and Burma drew inspiration from the success of Corazon Aquino in the Philippines.

Foreign tourists emerging from Burma told reporters in Bangkok that Burmese, though their country has been deeply isolated through 26 years of authoritarian rule, drew parallels with the Philippines. And a year ago some South Korean protesters cited the Philippines as a model of an Asian nation throwing off oppressive rule without upset-

ting the entire basis of society or destroying the economy.

Burma followed an isolationist course under the "Burmese way to socialism" propounded by Ne Win in his 26-year authoritarian rule before he resigned in July. Demonstrations broke out quickly, demanding democracy, release of prisoners and economic reforms.

Ne Win's successor, Sein Lwin, jailed dissidents, and his troops shot to kill in an unsuccessful attempt to stop the growing tide of demonstrations, which drew hundreds of thousands of people. Students took prominent roles, and news photographs also showed Buddhist monks reading pro-democracy proclamations.

Sein Lwin resigned after 17 days, and the turmoil continues amid uncertainty over what will come next in Burma.

Analysts draw parallels between Burma and the Philippines and South Korea, while noting that there are major differences — including the amount of bloodshed, which was low in Manila and Korea. In Burma troops have used firearms

repeatedly and official media have reported at least 112 deaths. Unofficial reports and diplomats put the number of fatalities at about 1,000.

Gregory Clark, professor of Japanese studies at Sophia University in Tokyo and a widely published commentator on Asian politics, said it was "encouraging and remarkable that such latent people power existed" in Burma.

Demoralized "We had thought they were a demoralized and docile population, unhappy about governmental inefficiency but tolerating it," he said. "It turned out they had as much guts and bravery as the people in the Philippines."

The uprisings in the three countries appear to have no common ideological thread, other than a strong demand for democratic reform. In each case no heroic leader emerged from the street protests, though in the Philippines a major focus of the demonstrations was Corazon Aquino, widow of the slain Benigno Aquino, who opposed Mar-

cos' 20-year rule.

Another difference was that a military revolt against Marcos sparked popular demonstrations in Manila. In Burma, the military was used against demonstrators, and its attitude toward democratic change has still not become clear.

In South Korea, street battles last summer between huge crowds and riot police led to major concessions toward democracy from the military-backed government, rather than overthrowing it as in the Philippines. The outgoing president, Chun Doo-Hwan, accepted many opposition demands including the direct election of the president, greater freedom of speech and freedom for many political prisoners.

Further back in Asian history, the towering populist figure is Mohandas K. Gandhi, who led vast throngs in demonstrations against British colonial rule in India in the 1940s.

In southwestern Asia, a more recent example of the power of mass protests is Iran, where violent demonstrations impelled

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi into exile in 1979 and led to the creation of the Islamic Republic under Ayatollah Khomeini.

Elsewhere in Asia, analysts note that Pakistan's largest opposition party, the Pakistan People's Party, is a populist organization, and Pakistanis will mass in hundreds of thousands to see its leader, Benazir Bhutto. Pakistan has been thrust into political uncertainty with the death of its authoritarian leader, Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, in an unexplained plane explosion on Aug 17.

Mass

Benazir says she hopes to make her party's policies more attractive to conservatives as Pakistan approaches general elections scheduled for Nov 16. The support of the middle class was a key to the successes of people power in the Philippines and South Korea, and in Iran the counterpart was the Tehran small-merchant class who opted for the Shah's ouster.

Some of the people power demonstrations in South Korea and the Philippines took an anti-

US turn, protesting US military forces in the two countries and the US role in backing the former governments. But the US government has said it favours popular revolutions that promote democracy.

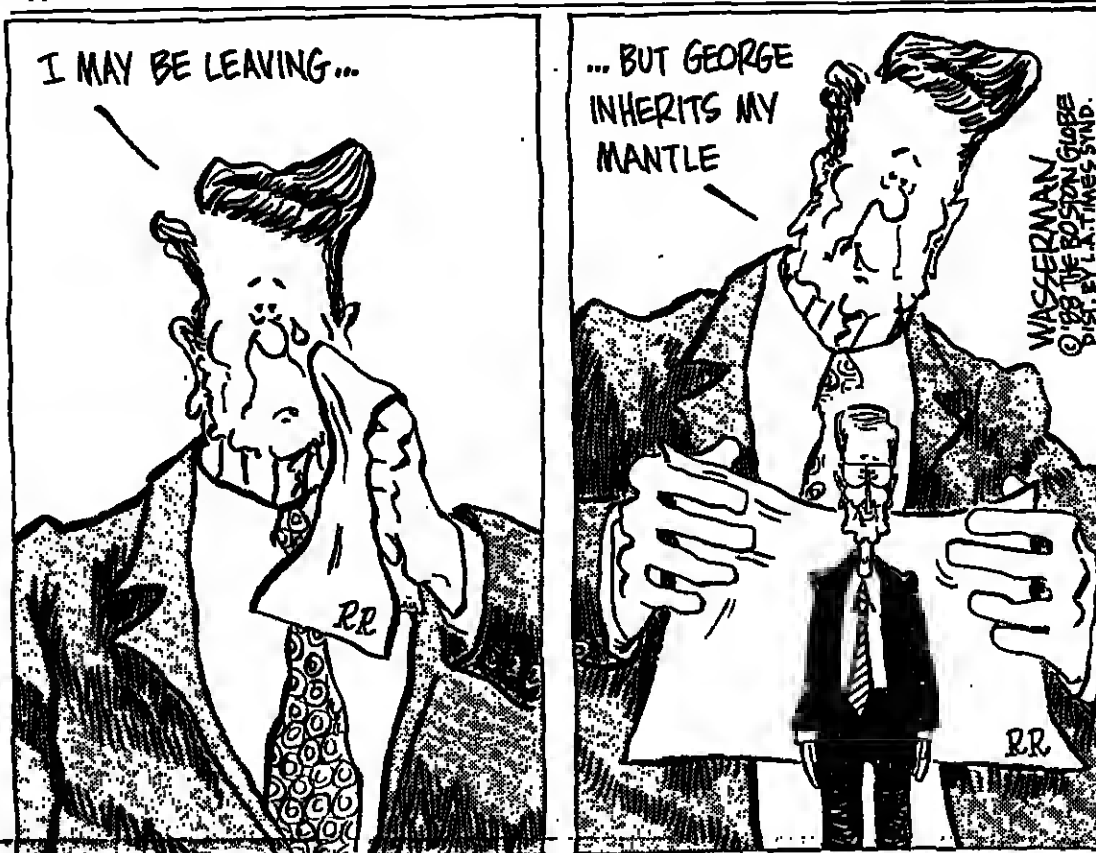
Progress

In May, US Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sign told a Senate Committee: "Politically, progress toward increasingly representative government continues apace in the Republic of Korea and the Philippines. In short, even in the region have been going on way."

After Burmese authorities in the latest crisis said they would consider holding free elections, State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said, "We warmly welcome this movement toward democracy."

American officials say Washington will simply have to handle more difficult relations with countries that have seen the birth of more democratic institutions.

What will eventually come out of Burma remains to be seen. Demonstrations continue daily and it is not clear whether the outcome will be a less authoritarian government.



Education is the backbone of Palestinian society

By Ann Peters

RAMALLAH, Israel-occupied West Bank (UPI). Palestinians point to education as the backbone of their society and charge Israel's closures of their schools are an assault on their human rights.

"It is immoral what the Israelis are doing. Forget politics. Forget occupation," says Ahmed Baker, an American-educated professor at the closed Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, and the father of five children.

"It is absolutely immoral to deprive 385,000 human beings of an education."

The task of educating West Bank children has become more difficult since the Palestinian uprising began on Dec 9. For the first time this spring, the military closed West Bank schools for four months. Classes resumed in May, but were discontinued in July, a month before summer vacation was to begin.

Idle The closures have left Palestinian children idle and raised doubts about the education they are receiving.

"I wish I was in school. I see my friends and I study and then I can learn more," says Baker's 9-year-old daughter, Amal, a pupil at the Friends' Girls in Ramallah. "How could I learn if the schools are closed?"

An estimated 385,000 students, from kindergarten to

university, have been affected by school closures. More than 331,000 elementary and secondary children attend government, United Nations and private schools in the West Bank and Arafah East Jerusalem.

Only a handful of private schools will open this September, with the rest under military order to remain closed until Oct 1. Universities on the West Bank have been shut indefinitely.

Palestinian parents and educators believe Israel has used the school closures as collective punishment to try to keep Palestinians in line during the 21 years of Israeli occupation.

Demonstrations

Officials of the civil administration, which runs the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip for the military, have said they want to open schools but they first must be assured students will go to classes peacefully. Demonstrations frequently have erupted around schools, pitting stone-throwing youths against well-armed soldiers.

American educator Nancy Nye, principal of the Friends' Girls School, worries about the "cumulative debt" on the education of Palestinians, especially following this year's four-month closure.

"If we have two of these (school years) in a row, I would have some question about

whether students are adequately prepared," said Nye, wife of deported Palestinian-American activist Muharrar Awad.

Both the Islamic fundamentalist movement and the underground committee directing the uprising have put a high value on education.

"Popular education is a national responsibility," one committee leaflet said. Another warned Palestinian activists against interfering with students' education.

"They (students) know their role, they know their responsibilities," said one Palestinian educator with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. "As long as Israel is fighting against education, they know that education is important."

Illegal During the closure, Palestinians pooled books, teachers and housed in an attempt to operate neighbourhood schools — illegal in the eyes of the Israelis but valued by Palestinians as a way to keep children's minds active.

The possibility of opening such schools again if classrooms stay closed is discussed among Palestinians, but in even more hushed tones than before.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has outlawed so-called popular committees, which attempt to provide community services as an alternative to the civil administration. Under the policy, anyone affiliated with such committees could receive up to 10 years in prison.

After Army massacres

West wants to punish Burundi

By Patrick Moser

BUJUMBURA, Burundi, (UPI). The West wants to "punish" Burundi for recent massacres by the Army — which left at least 5,000 dead, and possibly many more — but fears this would lead to further slaying of the majority.

"It is a big dilemma," one Western diplomat said. "On the one hand, morally we have to take some form of action, like cutting aid, but must be careful this does not play in the hands of the hardliners who want more retaliatory killings."

In the affected regions in the northeast, now virtually abandoned, the bodies of horribly mutilated children piled up in mass graves and the bayonet wounds on babies in hospitals are a grim indication of the cold-blooded hatred behind the clashes.

Authorities say some 5,000 died in about a week of tribal fighting that started on Aug 14. Independent sources believe the death toll to be closer to 15,000, most of them slain by Army troops.

Brutality

The extent of the brutality of the killings left foreign observers aghast and fearful that the slightest new incident may trigger more tribal slaughter on an even larger scale in the tiny East-Central African country.

Burundians themselves, as one student put it, "are living under the spectre of fear."

The ruling Tutsi tribe, which makes up only 15 per cent of the 5 million population, but dominates the government and Army, is terrified by the possibility that 85 per cent of the population — the Hutu — will massacre them and take power.

The Hutu, on the other hand, live in fear that the Tutsi will decimate them to prevent their taking power.

Tension has existed for centuries, ever since the two groups started living side by side, and has often led to brutal clashes. Mass violence last erupted in 1972, when Tutsi officials slaughtered more than 100,000 Hutus after that tribe had killed about 1,000 Tutsi in an attempted uprising.

"The bitterness remained. It will probably always be there," said a Hutu nurse in northeastern Burundi, whose husband "disappeared" last week after he was picked up by the Army.

Although the exact causes of the recent killings are still unclear, observers say tensions were so high that the slightest incident or rumour would have been sufficient to spark them off.

Frightened Hutu in northeastern Burundi apparently attacked villages, killing, raping and mutilating any Tutsi they found. Crack Army troops — all Tutsi — sent in to restore order retaliated in an equally bloody manner.

"The first massacres were incredibly savage. Tutsi were chopped to pieces, eviscerated, mutilated," said a Western diplomat with good contacts inside the country.

"It seems the authorities tried to stop the Army killings, but when the troops — Tutsi — saw the hutchery of Tutsi — they just went wild," he said.

He estimated at between 10,000 and 15,000 the number of Hutu dead "for a few hundred Tutsi killed."

Killings

Despite government denials of Army brutality, most foreign envoys believe Tutsi troops were responsible for most of the killings.

Diplomats in the picturesque, mountain-ringed capital of Bujumbura say the West is likely to cut assistance to Burundi to show their strong disapproval of Army behaviour.

"The real question is why we are still here," one said. "Morally, we should get the hell out and slam the door behind us."

Belgium is particularly embarrassed. Not only is it the largest donor to its former colony — \$22 million annually — but it also trains Burundi's 7,500-strong armed forces.

After the 1972 massacres, Belgium drastically cut aid levels and suspended military assistance to Burundi. It is considering taking similar action again, as are several other Western nations.

Reluctant But the West is obviously reluctant to completely sever links with Burundi for fear this may facilitate an overthrow of President Pierre Buyoya. Although a Tutsi, he has been widely praised for trying to promote reconciliation between the two main tribes.

"If we don't support him, he may be toppled by a hardline Tutsi. Then we will really have a bloodbath here," said a diplomat.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1565 — Spanish troops arrive from Sicily, and Turks are forced to abandon siege of Malta.
- 1620 — Pilgrims sail on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, to settle in the New World.
- 1672 — William of Orange captures Naarden in Holland.
- 1688 — Turks lose Belgrade to Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I, whose forces subsequently occupy Bosnia, Serbia and Wallachia.
- 1715 — Jacobite uprising known as "The Fifteen" begins at Braemar in Scotland.
- 1782 — Britain and France begin naval battle of Cuddalore off Madras, India.
- 1813 — French under Michael Ney are defeated by Prussians at Dennewitz in Germany.
- 1914 — First battle of the Marne begins in World War I.
- 1926 — Chiang Kai-Shek's forces reach Hankow in his northern campaign in Chinese civil war.
- 1955 — Anti-Greek riots break out at Istanbul and Izmir in Turkey.
- 1965 — India invades West Pakistan and bombs city of Lahore.
- 1966 — Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd of South Africa is stabbed to death during Parliament session in Cape Town.
- 1975 — More than 2,500 people are killed by earthquake in eastern Turkey.
- 1987 — Chadian troops strike into Libyan territory for the first time and claim to have annihilated a military air-ground complex.

By Jose Katigbak

SINGAPORE, (Reuters). A new generation of younger leaders fresh from a landslide election victory, pledged on Sunday to lead Singapore into the 21st century with a more open style of government.

First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, nominated to become Lee Kuan Yew's successor when he eventually steps down as premier, said his government would stand behind the people "listening to them, consulting them, getting them involved in building a better Singapore."

Diplomats said they did not anticipate any major change in domestic and foreign policy under Goh, although they expected a softer government image in the tiny island state at the end of the Malay peninsula.

Goh's victory in the Sunday morning election, after the final results of Saturday's general election, Goh said the landslide victory by the ruling People's Action Party (PAP) was a clear five-year mandate for his style of leadership.

Captured

In the election, held 15 months early, the PAP won 80 of 84 seats at stake — 11 of them uncontested — and captured 61.8 per cent of the vote, keeping its popularity level almost intact.

Lee, the only member of the PAP old guard who ran for re-election, told reporters after winning with the best showing among the 156 contesting candidates that he would step down as prime minister whenever Goh was ready to take over.

"The transition is complete. The future is up to my younger colleagues," he said. Asked when he would retire, he added: "I have never used the word retire. My position is when I am 65 (on Sept 16) my successor who is ready can nudge me and have my seat."

But Goh, 47, said the time was not yet ripe. "Inside two years I'll be ready to gently nudge the prime minister out, or try anyway," he said.

Lee has dominated politics in Singapore since he came to power in 1959, when the island became a self-governing state after years of British rule.

Drop

He said a 1.1 per cent drop in the government share of the vote since the last election was insignificant because of the record number of opposition candidates and the entry into the rolls of 206,000 young voters, about 15 per cent of total registered voters.

He said the results meant a younger electorate had voted not too differently from their elders, a development he found reassuring.

"I take great satisfaction from the results because they showed that my younger colleagues have been able to get their policies through and win support for their policies," Lee said.

Only Chiam See Eong of the opposition Singapore Democratic Party, who won re-election, was able to deny the PAP a clean sweep.

Failed

The Worker's Party, Singapore's largest opposition party, failed to get any of its 32 candidates to parliament through former, solicitor-general and vehement government critic Francis Seow came very close to scoring an upset.

Seow in his first attempt at politics lost by a narrow margin of 1,279 votes in a constituency of about 75,700 voters.

FITNESS

By Alice Lake

SUPPOSE someone asked you to start a project that would bring weeks of misery and inevitably end in failure. You'd certainly tell that person to get lost. But right now 20 per cent of us are involved in just such an undertaking — we're on a diet to lose weight.

Now leading scientists are producing damning evidence that in most cases going on a diet doesn't work. Dieting fails in 80 to 95 per cent of the attempts, says M.R.C. Greenwood, Ph.D., a Vassar College biologist. "Now we're even asking the question, Does dieting cause obesity?" adds one researcher. And although the answer isn't an unqualified yes, scientists are beginning to say maybe, or sometimes. By studying fat people, scientists are learning why dieting fails. They're convinced their findings are just as applicable to those dieters who want to take off only ten to 15 pounds.

The trouble with dieting, these experts hold, lies basically in its on-off aspect, the tendency to start a diet this spring to fit into a new bathing suit that then doesn't fit next spring, leading to a new bout of dieting. The researchers call this weight-cycling. The popular name is yo-yo dieting.

Scientists consider the concept of "going on" a diet to be inherently faulty. "Going on" a diet, they say, means you can "go off" a diet. What's more, even if you stay "on" it, the diet will cease to work. Obesity researchers have developed new strategies to help you avoid this fruitless self-torture, find your ideal weight and stay at it. Here, their evidence that dieting doesn't work and their valuable ideas for what to do.

Repeat, dieting leads to a lower metabolic rate, which makes it harder to lose weight. The metabolic rate is a measure of the minimum energy needed to maintain vital functions, such as heartbeat and respiration. Suppose a woman begins a 1,000-calorie-a-day diet. She is consuming fewer calories than her body requires for its daily needs, and weight loss is inevitable. But soon her calorie needs diminish, apparently in response to the diet. It's as if the body were saying, "I can make do with semi-starvation." And make do it does. As she turns

Dieting: is it a fruitless torture?

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up fewer calories in daily activity, the 1,000-calorie diet becomes all her body requires. And weight loss stops. With a single attempt at dieting, this change is not necessarily permanent. But repeated dieting efforts appear to make it stick.

Tips for the overweight

FOR the moderately obese, 20 to 40 per cent overweight, the experts suggest these five steps:

1. Forget dieting, a flawed concept, and replace it with a permanent change in eating style, however small, that includes a modest reduction in calories, more complex carbohydrates, less fat.

2. But don't start until you're fully ready to accept that this is forever, says Brownell. You will need the same serious resolve the alcoholic calls up to stop drinking. Behaviour modification techniques, such as not eating while watching TV, are a useful adjunct. If you're depressed, delay making the change. You must feel upbeat about the future.

3. If being overweight is a family tendency, watch out for the danger times — menopause (when women typically put on a few pounds) and the year following childbirth. Fat is deposited during a pregnancy to be used as a calorie source when breastfeeding starts. But if a mother chooses the bottle for her baby, she may be stuck with ten pounds she can't shake.

4. Please yourself. Face the fact that eating is one of life's joys and that over deprivation is self-defeating. Don't feel guilty over an occasional binge. And use your gourmet ingenuity to glamorize the yogurt and tofu that are good for you. "I used to merely tolerate fish," says Greenwood. But now that she has experimented with different ways to cook and season it, "I savor every bite."

5. Realize that it is unnecessary to chase an impossible goal — going from 190 to 120 pounds, for example. Recent studies have shown that weight losses even of ten to 25 pounds may help obese people to reduce health hazards such as high blood pressure or low blood sugar.

Leaders in the battle against obesity know their task would be easier if society shed its preoccupation with a slim body as the sole route to happiness. "Until society abandons its obsession with thinness, treatment will be difficult," say psychologists Polivy and Herman.

Researchers are heartened whenever an overweight person switches to happier goals. One young woman, for example, crash-dieted from 200 to 125 pounds and found that what she really wanted, to have a baby, was now impossible. The heavy weight loss had led to cessation of menstruation and ovulation. On medical advice she gained back 25 pounds, and within a year she delivered healthy twins.

preprogrammed size range that the body will defend when encroached upon."

Although scientists do not yet understand how or why this happens, they believe the body balks at reducing its fat cells to subnormal size. Obese people,

with more fat cells than others, find that they are unable to reduce past a certain point no matter how hard they try.

Fat people are often metabolic slowpokes. They expend less energy in basic bodily tasks, like breathing or temperature regulation, that are necessary to keep alive. In addition, they just move around less than the rest of us.

Because they put out less energy than their peppier neighbours, they need to take in less food to remain in biological balance. Picture a seesaw, one side piled with all the calories we eat in a day, the other with the calories that we burn by working, playing and even sleeping. When the body burns up the same amount it takes in, the seesaw is centered, and weight remains stable.

But some of us need less fuel, because we even fidget less. In one study, a group of people was cooped up in a respiratory chamber that measures the rate of energy expenditure. The inactive — those whose engines appeared to be idling at lower speed — used up to 1,000 fewer calories in a day than those who were more restless. It's obvious that if the situation continued unchanged, these slowpokes would gain weight, even though they ate no more than others.

At what age does this thrifty metabolism start? In early infancy, according to British researcher Susan Roberts, Ph.D. She measured the energy output of 18 infants aged three months and found that six of them used up to 20 per cent less energy than the others, apparently because they were less active. By their first birthday these six, all born to overweight mothers, were already fat.

Other findings seem to confirm that the tendency to be overweight is inherited. A recent study of adopted Danish children provided clinching

evidence: Whether they were fat or thin, the youngsters resembled their birth parents, not the adoptive parents who fed and raised them.

Yo-yo dieting may be more hazardous than remaining moderately overweight. According to Dr C. Wayne Callaway of George Washington University Medical Centre, "Repeated dieting leads to greater and greater difficulty in losing weight, greater efficiency in gaining weight and a tendency to overeat once food becomes available."

Greenwood and psychologist Kelly Brownell of the University of Pennsylvania, along with researchers from Harvard, Yale and Rutgers universities, inaugurated the Weight Cycling Project three years ago to encourage research about the yo-yo syndrome.

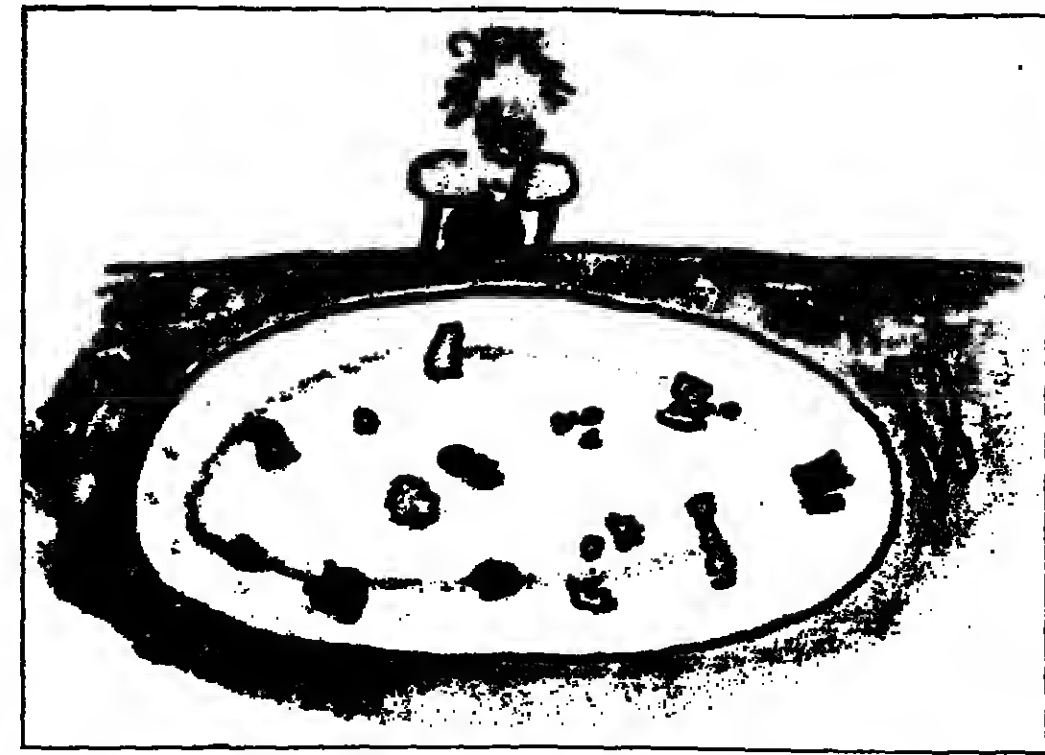
Here is how the yo-yo syndrome affects Janet, a 23-year-old woman weighing 115 pounds, of which 25 per cent is fat, a normal ratio of fat to lean body mass.

As four years pass, Janet consumes an extra piece of toast at breakfast, perhaps a sweet roll at midmorning or a glass of wine with dinner. It's not much, but it's 30 calories more than what she burns off in daily activity, and adds up to a 20 pound gain.

Weighing 135 pounds, with summer approaching, Janet is desperate to lose weight fast. She chooses a crash diet and takes off the 20 pounds in eight weeks. She weighs 116 pounds again, but it's not quite the same. The healthy balance of fat to lean body mass has shifted, and 31 per cent of Janet's weight is now fat.

Janet's crash diet has taught her nothing about modifying her eating pattern, and within a year she is back to 135 pounds. During the next three years she loses and gains 20 pounds. Back at 115 pounds, Janet's body composition is now an unhealthy 40 per cent fat. Her metabolism has also shifted, as her body has learned to defend itself against the bouts of semistarvation. As Janet's story suggests, these are the major changes that result from yo-yo dieting.

1. With each dieting attempt,



the body becomes more efficient at making do with a minimum of calories.

2. Yo-yo dieting alters the body ratio of fat to lean, at least among females, so that the chronic dieter ends up with more fat and less muscle. This is probably due to increased activity of a key enzyme. Weight cycling may also shift food preferences, leading the dieter to prefer fat over protein or carbohydrates. This could have disastrous health consequences, since a high-fat diet may trigger the development of heart disease or breast cancer.

3. Weight cycling may alter the body's fat distribution, removing fat from one area and depositing it elsewhere. If the change is from fatty hips to a bulging abdomen, as frequently happens, it creates a new health hazard: Research has shown that the male-type fat deposit known as a beer belly increases the risk for a heart attack, while a woman's typically plump hips and thighs do not.

4. Repeated dieting is likely to lead to a bingeing habit, perhaps even to the development of bulimia, an illness in which one binges and then purges by vomiting or by taking laxatives. Janet Polivy and C. Peter Herman, two Canadian psychologists, are convinced that bingeing is caused by dieting. Depriv-

ing oneself of eating pleasure, they say, inevitably results in a breakout of overeating, followed by guilt, even stricter dieting and more bingeing.

5. By repeated dieting, a person places artificial boundaries on her eating, bypassing nature's own boundary, a feeling of satiety. Once the natural signals are forgotten, say the two Canadian researchers, it becomes harder to return later to normal eating. Many chronic dieters admit they eat to a different drummer. "I can't tell anymore whether I'm hungry or full," one told me.

6. Is life just peachy for the tiny percentage of the seriously overweight who finally lose the weight and keep it off? Unfortunately, no, say Jules Hirsch, M.D., and Rudolph Leibel, M.D., of Rockefeller University, who studied a group of reduced-obese men and women who once weighed 200 pounds or more. They're constantly chilly and have low levels of thyroid hormones. Their white blood cell counts, pulse rates and blood pressures are unusually low. The women stop menstruating. And they're obsessed with the thought of food — all symptoms that bear a startling resemblance to anorexia nervosa, the researchers point out.

Are the chubbies among us

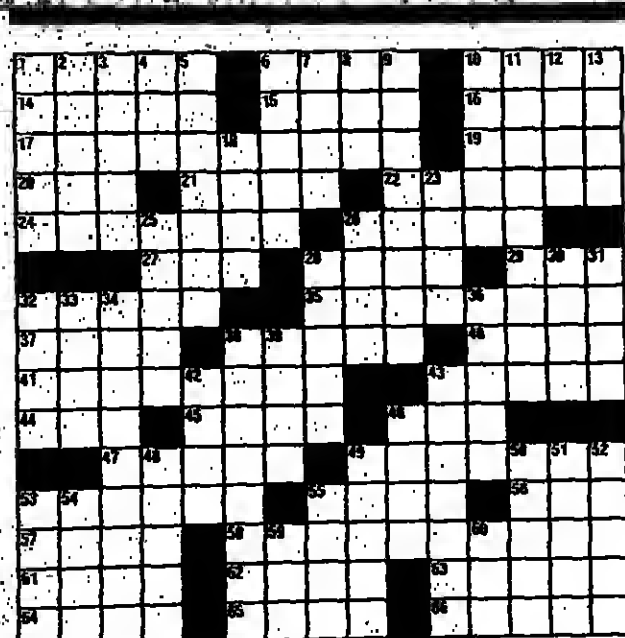
doomed then to remain fat? By no means. Obesity researchers are aware that for most people starting at age ten, want to be slim.

And they know that for some, particularly those with a family tendency to have high blood pressure, heart disease or diabetes, being overweight is a health hazard. In light of this overwhelming new evidence, here's how they're revising their advice.

For the majority of women who are less than 20 per cent overweight, the slogan should be think healthy — don't think weight loss. Healthy thinking and living may include drinking less, exercising more and reducing dietary fat from 45 per cent to a healthy 30 per cent. Altering the diet by stressing complex carbohydrates and downgrading fats is likely to result in a lower cholesterol level and a reduced chance of breast cancer as well as a trimmer figure.

Suppose you weigh 135 pounds and wish you weighed 122. "You can keep struggling to lose that ten pounds or so," Greenwood says, "with all the emotional and physical stress it entails. Or you can say, 'Okay, I'll settle for one hundred thirty pounds, but I'll exercise and make sure that I'm healthy. That's a better way to take control of your life than going on a crash diet.'"

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1 Bar, at the bar | 1 Dwindled | 31 Card game |
| 2 Imponee | 2 Work hard | 32 Fine cotton |
| 3 Dashboard | 3 Falsehoods | 33 Turnip, a.g. |
| 4 readings: Abbr. | 4 Stuff for | 34 With it |
| 5 Olympic skater | 5 Gain ground | 35 Emulate Goya |
| 6 Bonnie | 6 Not cut out for | 36 Enjoy a summer sport |
| 7 Not a one | 7 Weather word | 37 Animation |
| 8 Hedgepodge | 8 Canine warning | 38 noia |
| 9 Go-getter | 9 Gawks at | 39 Gama machina |
| 10 Lucille of comedy | 10 Automaton | 40 Be a flop |
| 11 Genesis name | 11 Cooperates | 41 Bottomless pit |
| 12 Mint | 12 Kind of stone | 42 Show fear |
| 13 Uphill | 13 — on (taken with) | 43 Athenians' homeland |
| 14 Downhill track | 14 — on (taken with) | 44 Strain |
| 15 Breaks up | 15 Loving | 45 Beachcomber's concern |
| 16 Car or coat | 16 USSR ranga or | 46 Portal part |
| 17 Actress | 17 Nazimova | 47 Neighbourhood |
| 18 Univ. offerings | 18 Scrunch | 48 — d'Azur |
| 19 Puffed up | 19 Devise a scheme | 49 Wit or pick beginner |
| 20 Shea or Fenway | 20 Hava — (enjoy oneself) | 50 Tolstoy |
| 21 Charged atoms | 21 Jason's ship | |
| 22 Breaks a habit | | |
| 23 Pond plant | | |
| 24 Set aside for future use | | |
| 25 Sample TV fare | | |
| 26 AAU member | | |
| 27 List under: Abbr. | | |
| 28 Cubbyhole | | |
| 29 Eroded | | |
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| 33 Half of CIV | | |
| 34 Saw — of hope | | |
| 35 Grew rapidly | | |
| 36 Brooks and Blanc | | |
| 37 Hawk-tailed hawk | | |
| 38 Vacation for a soldier | | |
| 39 Dances, in Dijon | | |
| 40 Caesar's route | | |
| 41 Comes off second best | | |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠KJ52 ♥853 ♦92 ♣6532
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♠ DM Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—This is too easy. Partner has asked you to bid your best suit, so the choice is clear—bid two clubs. Don't bid one no trump. That is forward-going, and shows a minimum of 8-9 points (perhaps a point or two fewer where you have no room to respond at the one-level).

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K83 ♥54 ♦KQ103 ♠AQ
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ ?
What do you bid now?
A.—This is not a question of whether you should bid game, but whether you have a slam, especially since East's high cards are trapped between two good hands. Start by cue-bidding three hearts. At this point in the auction that simply shows a strong hand and does not promise a control in the enemy suit.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AJ952 ♥76 ♦K65 ♠A72
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—In the modern style, a rebid of two no trump would show a balanced minimum opening bid, and that's certainly what you have. However, you have a hand without a single tenace position, so if no trump is the right spot, partner should declare. Therefore, we would choose two spades as our rebid.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AKJ6 ♥AQ9 ♦73 ♠AQ72
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—A difficult hand to bid. Our first choice would be a jump to two spades. That shows our strength but slightly distorts the distribution of the hand—when we support hearts next, partner might get the impres-

sion that we hold a singleton diamond. The alternative is a jump to four hearts, hoping that partner has a five-card suit or that he will be able to handle the Moyxian 4-3 fit.
Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ ♥Q952 ♦AQ5 ♠KQJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
4 ♥ Pass 5 ♥ Pass
What action do you take?
A.—Partner is interested in slam, and surely he must have some first or second-round controls to cue-bid. Instead, he has chosen to bid over game in the trump suit. Trump strength must be his concern, and since you have the weakest holding possible for your bidding, pass.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AJ1082 ♥AKQ ♦95 ♠K105
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♦ 1 ♠ Pass Pass
Dbl ?
What action do you take?
A.—You have a very good hand, and you should make an effort to encourage partner to bid, even on slight values, should the opponents compete. The way to express your desire is to redouble.



"If it's a lovely compact garden, why does it say 'dustbin area'?"



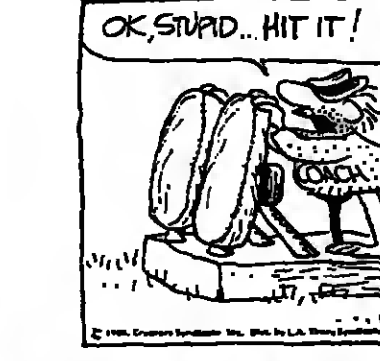
"Is it about his tax disc?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

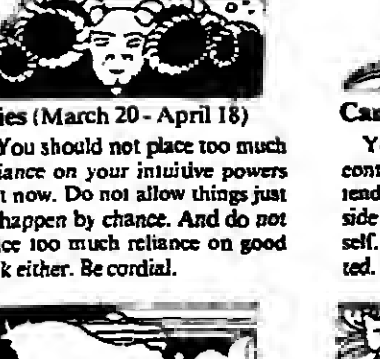
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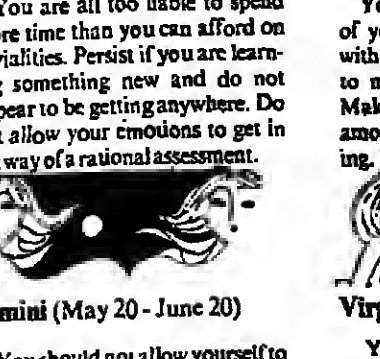
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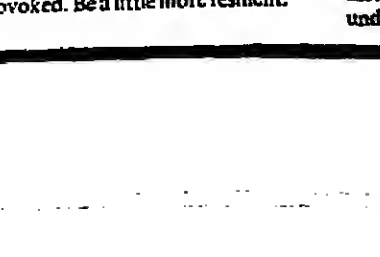
I GIVE UP... WHAT?



ONE THAT CURES YOU AND SELLS FOR A BUCK-AND-A-HALF



OK, STUPID... HIT IT!



YOUR STARS

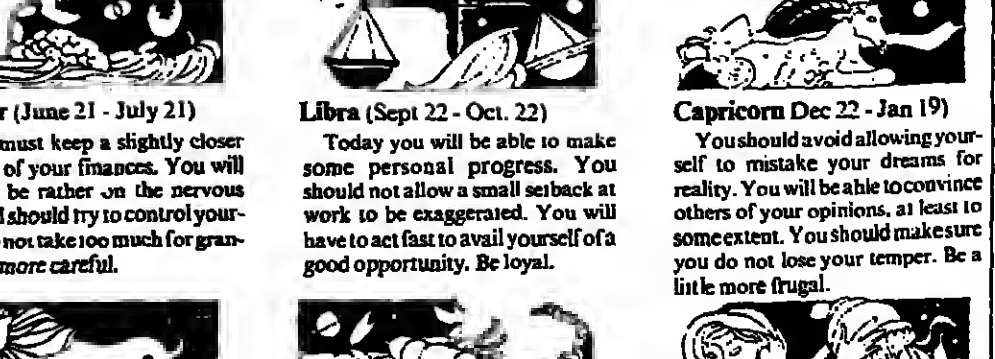
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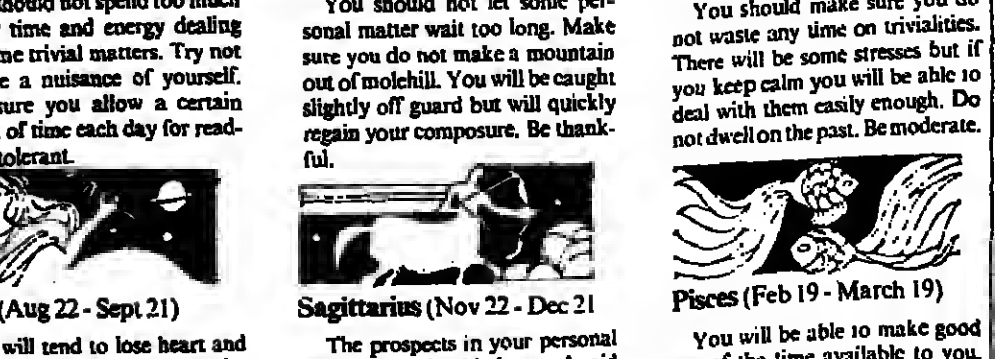
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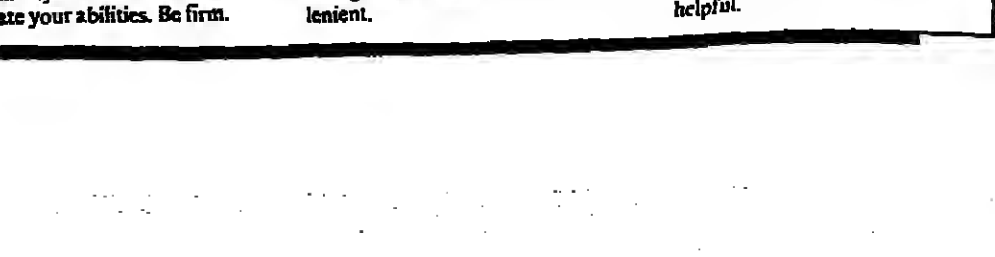
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OK, STUPID... HIT IT!



THE ARTS

A cleverly opportunistic piece of musical journalism

Nixon and Mao together again in an opera

By J. Callaghan

AN opera about a former President of the United States whose name the public chiefly connects with the crime and follies of Watergate might seem unpromising material.

It comes off by focusing not on that event but on his hazardous (and courageous) decision to reverse a cardinal fixed point of American foreign policy after the Second World War, namely a stern refusal to recognise or to have any truck with Communist China.

It is difficult at this distance to recall the near apoplexy that many American politicians felt, especially in Nixon's own Republican Party, at any suggestion that the United States should deal with this ungodly Marxist state.

Sentiment

The sentiment was so strong and the domestic lobbies so determined that it seemed unchallengeable. Of course it was irrational, for as Nehru said, "Whether they recognise China or not, like Everest, it will always be there."

But great state with high profiles when committed to stupidity find it more difficult to admit they are wrong than those with less prestige. And so America pursued her course of action, increasingly isolated, until President Nixon recognising the folly, decided to make an end to it and proposed to Henry Kissinger, his Secretary of State, that they should secretly plan a dramatic reversal.

Nixon in China commemorates their achievement in opening up a brooding and with drawn regime which presided over the largest nation on earth.

Nixon himself is a complex character in whom a sense of duty and of history is fused with self doubt, self regard, personal fears about whether he is right, and a strong desire to be accepted. Alice Goodman's libretto and the music of John Adams capture the essence. As the engines of the plane carrying him to Peking thunder to a halt

The meeting between a representative of the capitalist world and the chief of a Marxist state is the unlikely subject of a new opera called *Nixon in China*, with text lifted from both Nixon's and Henry Kissinger's memoirs.



Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Richard Nixon in Peking. An opera commemorates their meeting.

on the runway he is singing. I know America is good at heart.

An old cold warrior
Piloting towards an unknown
shore through shoals
The rats begin to chew the sheets.

His self doubt rarely leaves him, and in his exchange with Mao Tse-tung and Chou Enlai, it is they who are portrayed as the true Olympians with a disdainful approach to American capitalism.

When Nixon attempts to discuss the future of Taiwan and

the war in Vietnam, Mao is dismissive — "Save that for the Premier. My business is philosophy."

Yet, as we know, it was Mao who committed gross errors. The libretto touches on his admission that he had managed to change permanently only a few things, but Alice Goodman does no more than hint that even after the Communists had won, Mao engaged in a violent assault against the very institutions he had himself created, in his restless attempts to continue the revolution.

It needed the arrival of Teng Hsiao-ping to call a halt, and to absorb Mao's revolution into China's long history and culture.

Memoirs

Henry Kissinger's memoirs have been used extensively in writing the text, even lifting complete sentences from both his and Richard Nixon's memoirs.

The writer has distilled the words faithfully but I vigorously dispute her depiction of Henry Kissinger as a

cytical, self-seeking factotum. In fact he understood and interpreted what was taking place in China and was responsible for creating the new framework that enabled Nixon to make the successful approach that brought about a new relationship.

Kissinger played his hand dramatically, as always, and was over-inclined to interpret mere bureaucratic bungling and inertia by the other side as various kinds of hidden signals.

But he prepared with care and executed with skill and subtlety. And he was successful. He carried through the President's China policy in face of deep, entrenched, almost theological opposition in his own country.

John Adams is a writer of "minimalist" music which I am not competent to criticise. To my untrained ear the music has a tension and an urgency which emerges from the constant emotive and repetitive use of musical phrases and certainly evokes a desired atmosphere with great economy.

The cry of the peasants for revenge at the conclusion of Chiang Kai-shek's declaration, *Let me be*

A grain of sand in heaven's eye

And I shall taste eternal joy is musically stunning, and sustains an all-engulfing sound which brings the second act to a thunderous end. There are among the insistent rhythms and patterns of notes and I hope this is not disparaging) some melodic phrases, as in

The people are the heroes now
Behemoth pulls the peasant's plow

which remains tuneful in the memory after the music has stopped.

Michael Kennedy posed the question, "Is this a cleverly opportunistic piece of musical journalism, or something more substantial and enduring?" I would reply that it makes demands upon the auditor. It is an opera in which music and words are both essential for their reinforcement of one another, and each adds significance to the other.

Courtesy: Daily Telegraph



Dr Barry Cooper, the Aberdeen University music scholar who, with ingenious detective work, has rebuilt the first movement of the composer's 'tenth symphony'.

'Three Blind Mice' opens 10th symphony

Beethoven has the last laugh

A Beethoven expert has painstakingly rebuilt the first movement of the composer's 10th symphony from fragmentary sketches found in 1983. But music lovers are in for a slight shock. The opening notes are the first bar of *Three Blind Mice*, one of England's best-loved nursery rhymes, in E flat major.

By Anthea Hall

ONE hundred and sixty-one years after the death of Beethoven, it seems as if the great master has bequeathed England a little practical joke.

Shortly before his death in 1827, Beethoven promised the Philharmonic Society a new symphony, to be given its first performance in London in that year. But the work was never found.

Only now, after exhaustive research and meticulous reconstruction, can one movement of the portentous-sounding Tenth Symphony be performed.

However, when eager audiences strain to catch the opening notes of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's performance in London's Royal Festival Hall on October 18, they will hear the unmistakable first bar of *Three Blind Mice*, the country's best-loved nursery rhyme, in E flat major.

An Aberdeen University music scholar — Barry Cooper, with ingenious and creative detective work, identified the symphony in 1983 while studying manuscripts in West Berlin. He has painstakingly rebuilt the first movement from fragmentary sketches.

Until now, scholars have assumed that at the end of his life, Beethoven was wrestling with the tormenting question written on the manuscript on his final string quartet, Op 135: "Es muss sein. Muss es sein?" ("It must be. Must it be?")

But now the reassuring simplicity of the opening bar of the Tenth suggests that such questions were resolved by the time of his death.

On the other hand, a further enigma remains: why "blind"?

We know that Beethoven's affliction, poignantly, was not loss of sight, but deafness.

For more than a century, a vital and obvious clue to the identity of the missing symphony was overlooked — the opening notes of *Three Blind Mice* had been used by Beethoven before (thought differently harmonised) at the beginning of the E flat Major piano sonata Op 81a, of which the first movement is significantly entitled *Les Adieux*. This clue could have led to the identification of the lost symphony from sketches in archives.

Dr Cooper has not been forthcoming on the *Three Blind Mice* theme, which he plays on affettuoso, apparently ignoring its implications.

The reconstruction of a whole movement from fragmentary sketches is, of course,

highly controversial. Dr Cooper was busy being filmed by a Japanese television crew last week but defended his work, which he described as an academic research project.

"One is hesitant to do this sort of thing, because I'm not Beethoven and therefore I cannot do it as well as Beethoven. But everyone (as you have done) asks what the sketches are like. Everyone wants to hear the music."

"Only a few specialists who have studied learned journals have any idea. So I'm trying to make it more widely available, to give a kind of artist's impression of what he had in mind."

From Hong Kong, Peter Johnston, who started in both the English and German versions of his own play, *Beethoven's Tenth*, said: "I regard this as a latter-day recreation of the great man, greeted with enthusiasm by the news that the longest symphony starts with *Three Blind Mice*. He was not in the least surprised, he said."

"Beethoven considered the money offered him by the Philharmonic inadequate. Maybe this was his way of showing it. Alternatively, as a handicapped Titan, maybe he was expressing his outrage by writing about three handicapped mice."

Beckett's old crone

By Ronald Clarke

LOS ANGELES. (Reuter): British actress Billie Whitelaw leaned across the table and said quietly: "believe it I ever appeared in Samuel Beckett's play *Not I* again I would go insane."

There are few things I can refuse that man Beckett," Whitelaw said in a recent interview. "But he asked me to perform that play again and I said no."

Whitelaw became well-known for her roles in the social realism Kitchen Sink dramas in London in the 1950s, and went on to play Desdemona opposite Laurence Olivier's Othello.

She is now generally considered the world's leading interpreter of Beckett's plays.

In his works, Beckett has had her confined in an earthenware jug and buried up to her neck in sand. In *Rockaby*, she was trapped in a chair, rocking herself to death.

In *Not I* a frenzied stream of memories flows from her flaming red lips.

"Not I is very frightening to do. It is like falling backwards into hell, and that is the only way to do it," Whitelaw said. "I did two seasons of the play in

London. Then we filmed it and I said 'that's that.'"

With her fair hair tied back and wearing a white shirt over a pair of slacks, Whitelaw looked very sane as she nursed over her drink in a restaurant.

Whitelaw, who, at 55, seldom stops working, was in Los Angeles recently for the opening of her film *The Dressmaker*, in which she stars with Oliver's wife, Joan Plowright.

Plowright and Whitelaw, looking much older in the film than in life, play spinsters trying to look after a niece growing up in wartime England in 1944. "The film has that boring old word integrity," Whitelaw said. From Los Angeles, she was going on to Stuttgart to film three of Beckett's one-woman plays.

Agree

Beckett, the 82-year-old Dublin-born playwright and author who became a Nobel laureate in 1979, has been described by some as the greatest writer of the 20th century. "I would agree with that," Whitelaw said.

"Intellectually, I don't understand any of his work," the actress said. "But I understand in my guts the feeling of it."



Actress Billie Whitelaw, the world's leading interpreter of Samuel Beckett's plays (second left) stars with Joan Plowright, Peter Postlewaite, and Jane Horrocks (right) in *The Dressmaker*.

"He waves the baton and the words come out of my mouth. I talk to Beckett in Paris on the telephone and he says odd lines to me. He reads his work beautifully. Once I know what musical areas he is in, I am pretty well on my way."

"A lot of actors are frightened of him. But, to me, there is something marvellously comforting about being with someone you know is brilliant."

Whitelaw, whose films have included *Maurice* and *Charlie Bubbles*, remembers the moment when she decided not to devote her life to being a film star.

"I was in a film with the late Peter Sellers called *Mr Topaze*

in 1961 and he asked me to play the lead opposite him in his next film," she said. "I was going to be paid a figure with several noughts in it."

"Instead, I walked down the road and took a stage job at 11 pounds (\$20 at the present rate) a week," Whitelaw said.

"I have no objection to earning money. I have been poor and I don't intend to be poor ever again."

"But I've no desire to wear expensive clothes and jewellery and to have a big car. If I have something on four wheels and the key turns and it goes, that is all I need."

"And the simple fact that I don't have this desperate desire for possession gives me a

marvellous freedom to do what I want to do in my profession," she said.

"I thought Peter's offer was going to be the beginning of something that was not going to make me very happy," she said. "Stardom was offered to me and I ignored it. I fear success."

"Even at fifteen I can remember saying to myself 'watch it, success can be more dangerous than failure,'" she said.

"I think I am probably a dreadful work snob. What I value more than anything is the opinion of my colleagues."

"Now I'm known as Beckett's old crone," Whitelaw said. "But I don't think I look like that," she added quickly.

"I had no training, never went to acting classes. You're supposed to go into the theatre to starve, but I found at eleven I could earn a bit of money in the theatre."

"People say it's very good to have a tough background. I don't think it does anybody any good at all and over my dead body would my three children have the background I did."

"I think I'm a bit of an old peasant at heart," said Whitelaw, who has a house in London and a cottage in the country.

"I take quite kindly to watching spiders weave webs."

Bringing music to the masses

By Hugo Fritz

KIEL (DaD): Famous names meet the unknown. The famous names are those of internationally acclaimed musicians, singers and conductors. The unknown names are those of villages and small towns in the north of the Federal Republic of Germany.

This year's Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival, the third season, including events in neighbouring Lower Saxony, will star Leonard Bernstein in Lüneburg, Svyatoslav Richter in Neumünster and Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau in Rellingen.

Concerts by star performers are being held in more castles, churches and converted barns than ever in a festival spectacular staged by general manager Justus Frantz, the pianist.

He has attracted stars of the international music scene to



Conductor Leonard Bernstein (right) with the West German President Richard von Weizsäcker and Premier Björn Engholm of Schleswig-Holstein.

take part in a cross-country festival and they have once again shared his enthusiasm and given star performances otherwise heard only in metropolitan opera houses and concert halls.

In Salzwedel, Schleswig-Holstein, Leonard Bernstein has held rehearsals with the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival Orchestra. Its members are, as last year and the year before, mainly promising young musicians, male and female, who are still finding or have just found their bearings in professional music.

Rehearsals are held in a converted barn, with Bernstein also giving lessons to four young conductors, the best being awarded a prize endowed by festival sponsor Zino Davidoff.

Baroque music shares pride of place with classical and romantic music at this year's festival. The most spectacular event was the premiere of Wolfgang Rihm's *Three Walzes* for a Large Orchestra, specially composed for the 1988 Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and heard by a first-night audience of 7,000.



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: The heat wave is murder. Can you offer any information about causes and treatment for heat-related illnesses? I doubt that even you can make the weather cool off.

ANSWER: You're right, I can't change the weather, but I will give you the information I think you are looking for.

Usually your body is able to handle the heat. But when the humidity goes beyond 75 per cent, sweat evaporation, which is the body's mechanism for cooling, becomes less effective and heat stroke becomes more likely.

A number of factors can contribute to heat stroke. People who are very old, very young, obese, or with congestive heart failure are at greater risk. Certain drugs, including tricyclic anti-depressants, amphetamines, and cocaine or LSD, can make you more vulnerable.

Not only can being in a very hot place bring on heat stroke, so can fever, exertion or simply not being used to the heat. Since circulating blood cools you, a poor cardiovascular system will make you prone to heat-related illness.

Heat stroke requires prompt treatment to cool the patient and replace fluids. It's a "no joke" medical emergency, so get a call out

for an ambulance at once. Spraying cool water on the patient's skin can increase cooling by evaporation, for a victim of heat stroke does not perspire, and the skin is hot and dry. Using ice packs can help bring down body temperature rapidly. Because heat stroke that results in seizure is extremely dangerous, emergency medical personnel may use anti-convulsant medications to prevent seizure.

Heat cramps can be helped by resting in a cool place, stretching that out massaging the cramped muscles, and drinking an electrolyte solution, such as Gatorade. Salt tablets may not be helpful — they can upset your stomach and make you even more dehydrated.

Heat exhaustion, which can mimic heat stroke, is usually indicated by a slight temperature and mild symptoms such as headache, dizziness or giddiness, as well as flu-like stomach upset. It may be treated by the same methods of cooling as heat stroke, but your doctor may choose to give you intravenous electrolyte solution to get your fluid balance back to normal.

If you are prone to heat stroke, try to avoid situations that might cause it. And even if you are healthy, don't overexert or

allow yourself to become dehydrated during extremely hot, humid weather.

Remember the basic rules of prevention: stay where it's cool or, at least, get out of the sun; reduce activity to prevent additional strain and heat buildup, and make sure you are getting enough fluids to drink. If, despite all your efforts, you begin to feel some of the symptoms I've described, don't delay seeking medical attention.

ACROSS MY DESK: Many women suffer from recurring yeast infections and are required to sterilize their underwear. The ideal solution to their problem may have been found by researchers Mary Ellen Phillips, Ph.D., and Edward Friedrich Jr., M.D., of the University of Florida Medical School, according to a recent issue of *Medical Week*.

They have found that microwaving freshly laundered, still damp underwear for five minutes on a high setting sterilizes remaining organisms (Candida) that may have survived elimination during ordinary laundering. The microwaving is quick, easy and safe for both patient and delicate clothing.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Malaysian trade team to visit Egypt and S. Arabia

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 5. (KUNA) Primary Industries Minister Dr. Lim Keng Yik will lead a Malaysian trade mission to Egypt and Saudi Arabia from tomorrow to Sept. 15.

The mission is to promote greater use of Malaysian palm oil, promote its marketing, stop publicity discrediting it on health grounds and to disseminate the latest information about palm oil.

In a statement here today, Dr. Lim said a technical seminar on palm oil will be held in Egypt and a public presentation and mini-exhibition on palm oil will be held in Saudi Arabia.

The mission will provide the latest information on the nutritional and medicinal aspects of Malaysian palm oil to consumers and users in the two countries.

Attempts

"We will seek to reassure consumers of Malaysian palm oil as to its wholesomeness, particularly in view of attempts to smear its good name," he added.

The officials will also meet with ministers, traders, manufacturers and other users to exchange views on further enhancing trade between the two countries and Malaysia.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia consume about 50,000 tonnes and 100,000 tonnes of palm oil respectively.

Potential

Dr. Lim said there is potential for further increasing Malaysia's palm oil exports to Egypt.

Egypt's annual consumption of oils and fats exceeds 800,000 tonnes and until 1987, palm oil accounted for only 50,000 tonnes or some 6 per cent," he added.

Although Saudi Arabia is an established market for Malaysian palm oil, use of palm oil there is confined to liquid cooking oil, he said.

"Saudi Arabian traders and manufacturers should expand the use of palm oil in their products," he said.

The officials will also discuss the formulation of vegetable ghee and shortening, said Dr. Lim.

Gulf Air plans to double fleet

BAHRAIN, Sept. 5 (Reuters). The Bahrain-based regional airline Gulf Air will more than double its fleet to 42 planes within the next five years, a senior official was quoted today as saying.

Bahrain's daily Akhbar Al Khaleej newspaper quoted the island's Development and Industry Minister Youssef Shirawi as saying the company would also gradually replace its old Lockheed Tri-Stars and Boeing 737 planes with new aircraft.

Gulf Air — owned by Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi — has eight Boeing 737s, one Boeing 747, and 11 Tri-Stars.

Expansion

Shirawi, a member of the airline's board of directors, said he expected it to add six Boeing 767s to its fleet within the next nine months. He gave no further details on the fleet expansion but industry sources said Gulf Air would lease the Boeing 767s.

Encouraged by peace talks between Gulf war foes Iran and Iraq, Gulf Air officials said earlier they hoped to resume flights to both countries by the end of 1988.

Links were cut when the conflict began eight years ago.

Plan to set up new economic bloc

TOKYO, Sept. 5. (KUNA) Japanese economists tend to believe that early in the next century their country and fledgling southeast Asian economic countries will form an economic bloc to parallel the European Economic Community and the North American bloc.

A private Japanese research institute said in a just-published report the new bloc is likely to group the six countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Role

Japan is expected to play the leading role in making the bloc a reality, according to the institute's report.

The Asian bloc is expected to take shape by the year 2000 and to be an economic centre for relations between East and West.

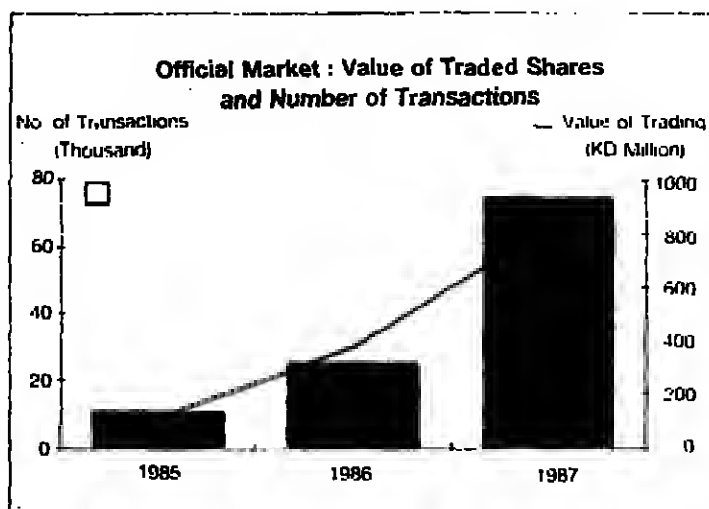
It will also significantly contribute to the creation of a peaceful atmosphere between the superpowers, the report said.

Authorities offer investment instruments

Upswing seen in Kuwait capital market

THE performance of the Kuwait capital market showed marked improvement last year. Regarding share market, the volume of traded shares, the value and the number of transactions increased by 52.8 per cent, 124.5 per cent and 159.6 per cent respectively above their levels in 1986. In 1987 the bond market witnessed a marked increase in the value of trading and the number of transactions by 163.2 per cent and 169 per cent respectively above their levels in the previous year, the annual Economic Report of Central Bank of Kuwait has reported.

This improvement reflects the efforts of the concerned authorities to activate the market and provide it with investment instruments, necessary for increasing its efficiency in recycling capital in the domestic market instead of letting it seek financial opportunities abroad, and in turning in financial surpluses from abroad. Foremost among these efforts, for example, come the decision of splitting up the shares of Kuwaiti companies listed in the market with a view to reduce their prices and thereby increase their trading activity at their reduced prices, the decision entitling the shareholding companies to buy 10 per cent of their



shares traded in the market and finally the procedures regulating the trading of shares in the market.

During 1987, the official market witnessed noticeable activity as major indicators of the market — volume of trading, number of transactions and total value — increased by 113.1 per cent, 195.3 per cent and 120.8 per cent respectively above their levels in the previous year.

The data available on these indicators show that market activity had peaked during the

first quarter of the year, whereas averages of these indicators were almost the same for the other three quarters of the year. To explain the market activity in the first quarter, in light of the overall activity of the market, 1987 can be divided into two periods: the first representing the sharp activity in the first quarter, and the second representing the activity in the remaining quarters of the year.

The first quarter of 1987 had a high relative importance regarding major indicators of market

activity. The value of traded shares totalled KD333 million, distributed over 24 thousand transactions, recording the highest average ever reached in the market since the Securities Market crash (1982), whereas the relative weight for both indicators to total indicators in 1987 reached 40.2 per cent and 32.2 per cent respectively. However, though the activity in this quarter is a continuation of its activity in the last quarter of 1986, it can be attributed to the following factors:

The share market witnessed brisk trading by investors, as many of them expected prices to go higher when shares will be split up, as this procedure aimed mainly to expand the market base, attract the savings of small investors and curb the competitiveness of non-Kuwaiti companies.

Decline

On the other hand, the unit system, currently operative at the Kuwait Securities Market, aims to curtail speculation and abnormal price rises by preventing prices from exceeding five units during the trading session.

The decline in the nominal value and thereby the market value of non-Kuwaiti shares, that are allowed to be traded

locally, has created strong competitiveness against shares of Kuwaiti companies. This can be confirmed by the increase in the relative importance of the volume of non-Kuwaiti companies shares traded in the official market in 1986, which surpassed the relative importance of the volume of shares of four sectors of Kuwaiti companies (investment, insurance, industrial and food sectors).

Furthermore, share-splitting has succeeded in attracting a wide base of investors who were not able to deal in Kuwaiti shares before this procedure, as dealing in one unit (3000 share), for example, requires KD9000 (assuming that the share value is KD3), while share-splitting has enabled investors to buy one unit (10,000 shares after splitting) at the value of KD3000 (assuming the market price after splitting equals 300 fils).

During the first quarter of 1987, the share market witnessed brisk trading due to several factors, including the Central Bank decision that the maximum limit of contractual interest rates on KD lending transactions, through a flexible method coping with the prevailing monetary and financial conditions, locally and

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US jobless figures boost W. German bond prices

Pressure for higher world interest rates eases

LONDON, Sept. 5. (Reuters). Unemployment in the United States rose in August but stock market investors around the world may see that as good news, economists say.

They say another US interest rate increase is less likely after last week's report that the unemployment rate rose to 5.6 per cent in August from 5.4 per cent in July.

Fears that interest rates would rise in both the United States and Japan, where some economists are worried that the yen is too weak, had depressed stock markets in Asia and Europe.

The US unemployment rate touched a 14-year low of 5.3 per cent in June, low enough to set some economists and investors worrying that wages would rise, and that the only way to avoid

inflation would be for the American central bank, the Federal Reserve, to raise interest rates.

The latest figures reassured investors.

"It means there's no reason for the Fed to firm more near term so they can keep a low profile in the final campaign for the presidency," said Dana Johnson, an analyst with US investment bank First Chicago Corp.

That could be good news for Republican presidential candidate George Bush, who aims to capitalise on the Reagan administration's 'economic' record in the November election.

Rally

It should slow the dollar's recent rally.

The dollar slipped to 1.85 West German marks and 136 yen in

Bahrain and Kuwait, down 1.5 pennings and one yen from last week's highs.

"Internationally, this should lead to a weaker dollar," said David Jones of US investment bankers Aubrey G. Lanson and Co. Inc. of the unemployment report. "It will ease pressure on the Bank of Japan to tighten monetary policy to defend the yen."

Fears that the Bank of Japan would have to raise interest rates sent Tokyo share prices tumbling this week. But in a half-day session on Saturday, the 225-share Nikkei average rose 37.75 points, or 1.4 per cent, to 27,488.25.

"The dollar's weakness against the yen in New York overnight reduced concern, about an increase in Japan's dis-

count rates, and the dollar is expected to remain lower in the near term," Tokyo broker said.

Gains

Wall Street stocks soared on Friday, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining 52 points to 2,055. US bonds posted one of their biggest gains of the year.

Wall Street guru Robert Prechter thinks the trend will continue for a few days, although he added that for bonds "it's a rally in a much larger bear (declining) market."

But the US unemployment news boosted West German bond prices, as traders there felt the figures suggested a reduced risk of inflation and an easier dollar.

West Germany's Bundesbank (central bank) has been worried

that a strong dollar would boost import prices and so boost inflation. To keep that from happening, it last month raised interest rates to boost the Deutschemark.

In Britain, however, the pound sterling has been weakened by fears that a bigger than expected balance of payment deficit suggests an import-led rise in inflation is coming.

Stock market analysts think that the government could decide to push through another interest rate hike. Banks' base lending rates have jumped since early June from 7.5 per cent to 12 per cent.

"It's the sort of situation which could develop into one where they had no choice," said Peter Fellner, an economist at London brokers James Capel and Co.

South Africa's declining gold, currency reserves spark concern

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 5. (Reuters). South Africa's plunging gold and foreign currency reserves, now at their lowest level since mid-1986, are causing deep concern and embarrassment to economic policy makers.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said last month that gold and foreign exchange reserves had plummeted to a level where they were sufficient to pay for only two months' imports.

Economists and bankers' main fear is that the dramatic fall will exacerbate a slide in the rand and send inflation soaring.

"Three months import cover is serious. Two months is a crisis," remarked one senior banker.

Reserves

The dwindling reserves have also embarrassed South Africa, the economic powerhouse of the sub-continent, when compared with the healthier import-cover ratios of some of its poorer black neighbours.

Botswana this month reported that its reserves totalled \$982 million in June, equivalent to 24 months' import cover.

Zimbabwe, whose economy is often portrayed by South African officials as a basket case, usually has reserves sufficient to cover a pipeline of at least three months' imports, according to economists in Harare.

South Africa's gold and foreign exchange reserve holdings have dropped from a peak of 8.7 billion rand (\$3.6 billion) in August 1987 to \$3.6 billion (2.3 billion) in July this year, according to reserve bank figures.

The sharpest fall came last June when the Central Bank, worried by a marked deterioration in the balance of payments, swapped one billion rands (\$410 million) worth of its strategic gold reserves for hard currency to meet heavy foreign debt commitments.

"The last time the import-cover ratio went down to two months was in mid-1986 and that was very close to an all-time low," said David Mohr, chief economist of South African Mutual Life Assurance Company, the country's highest investment institution.

"Unless it improves substantially, the economy will remain very vulnerable to capital outflows and if you don't pay attention to the import-cover ratio you run the risk of a collapse in the rand," he told Reuters.

A capital drain through foreign disinvestment and heavy debt repayments to overseas banks has already contributed to a steady slide in the value of the rand against major currencies

this year.

At its current level of 2.45 to the dollar, the rand has depreciated by 27 per cent against the US currency since January and by even more against sterling, the Deutsche mark and the yen.

Falls

Leading local banks predict further falls in the rand and a consequent upsurge in inflation, already running at 12.4 per cent — well above the inflation rates of Pretoria's major trading partners.

"Ripple effects of the weak rand are already spreading through the economy and the net result will be an acceleration of the inflation rate," said Standard Bank Investment Corporation in an economic review.

Declining reserves have heightened concern about the deteriorating balance of payments current account, which slipped into deficit for the first time since 1984 in the first quarter of this year.

Last month, the government introduced a package of emergency measures aimed mainly at curbing surging imports. It slammed surcharges of up to 60 per cent on a wide range of imports and tightened credit and exchange controls to shield the balance of payments and shrinking reserves.

Gulf shipping firms may face tough foreign competition

A RANKING shipping executive has said international sea lanes in the Arabian Gulf are generally safe for navigation and he expected a surge in shipping movement in the region following the ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Director-general of the United Arab Shipping Co. (UASC) Saud Abdul Aziz Al Zamel said in an interview published yesterday that Gulf shipping companies are likely to meet tough competition from foreign sea liners.

He said the Gulf sea lanes, believed to have been mined during the Gulf war, are now safe since no incident has been reported in the past six months.

As for territorial waters, each Gulf littoral country should know better to what extent its waters are safe for navigation, Al Zamel said in a newspaper interview.

Profitable

Shipping companies which abandoned the Gulf region during the Gulf war are now expected to return for a chunk of the profitable market, he said.

As such, Gulf shippers should expect fierce competition which will force them to waive some of their profits, he added.

Al Zamel said the return of competitors and the economic boom that is sure to follow the end of the bloody Iran-Iraq conflict are the two major factors that will reactivate shipping in

the region.

Asked if the United Arab Shipping Co. is prepared for that, Al Zamel said the company is planning to re-route its ships for better performance.

But he discounted the possibility of the UASC launching new lines "because there are no clear indications which would encourage us to do so."

The UASC was set up in 1976 by the six Arab Gulf countries of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.

According to its latest figures, the company is operating 59 vessels between freights and container ships.

The company's chief executive conceded that UASC suffered KD 39.6 million in losses between 1983 and 1987, the period in which Iran and Iraq took their hostilities to the Gulf waters.

Losses

The UASC operational losses stood at about KD27 million. The remainder was in capital loss, he said.

Al Zamel said the company now has nothing to do with the 11th Al Batar vessel which was captured by Iran and was never returned.

The UASC has received the insurance payment for the vessel and the problem, if any, is now between the insurers and Iran, he said.

Dubai hopes for business bonanza

DUBAI, Sept. 5. (Reuters). The Gulf Emirate of Dubai, where businessmen like to think they are building the Hong Kong of the Middle East, is anticipating a trade bonanza once the Iran-Iraq war ends.

In shops piled high with carpets along the colourful trading waterfront, Iranian merchants talk eagerly of an upsurge in the dhow trade in both directions across the Gulf.

The stream of goods from around the world now shipped around the 120 miles from Dubai to Bandar Abbas, the main port in the south of Iran, could become a flood when Tehran turns to rebuilding its economy, some traders hope.

Other businessmen and local officials in the emirate expect

business to pick up more slowly, but they are just as keen to reap the benefits from Iran's market of around 50 million people.

"Dubai is the Gulf's trading capital and could win big if peace arrives," said a Western diplomat. "If you want to trade with Iran, this is a good place to do it through."

Export

"Business with everyone, not just Iran, would pick up with peace and Dubai could reduce its dependence on dwindling oil reserves."

For the emirate of 420,000 people, where fleet-footed entrepreneurs have created a vibrant entrepot, peace in the Gulf also offers a chance to boost manufacturing industry.

Even with the Iran-Iraq war raging in shipping lanes off its coast, Dubai's re-exports rose 18 per cent in 1987 over the previous year to 5.2 billion dirhams (\$1.4 billion).

Iran was the main customer, buying washing machines, air conditioners from Western countries and the Far East.

Abdul Rahman Al Mutaiwee, director-general of the Chamber of Commerce, predicted that good times lay ahead if Iran and Iraq translated their August 20 ceasefire into lasting peace.

"We expect business will improve all round," he said. "But the pace is hard to predict."

Foreign businessmen said investment in Dubai, especially in the Jebel Ali free trade zone,

was likely to rise once foreign companies no longer associated the emirate with a war zone.

About 200 companies, many making textiles or light industrial goods, have invested in the zone, which offers a cheap workforce mainly from India and Pakistan and cheap power supplies.

For all its entrepreneurial prowess, Dubai needs investment since the bulk of its income now comes from oil. Oil exports last year earned about \$2.5 billion — more than the value of exports and re-exports combined.

But, with reserves estimated by industry sources at around four billion barrels, the oil will be gone in less than 30 years at current production levels.

"Unlike Abu Dhabi next door, Dubai must industrialise to maintain its standard of living," said one diplomat. "Peace in the Gulf would help it do that."

Traditions

Abu Dhabi, federated with Dubai and five other sheikhdoms in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), does less non-oil trade and lacks Dubai's entrepreneurial traditions.

But its oil reserves, officially estimated at nearly 100 billion barrels, could keep it wealthy for well over a century.

Dubai merchants, many of them of Iranian descent, say there is no sign yet of an increase in Iran's imports or in its exports to Dubai of carpets, fruit and light industrial goods.

World Business Summary

Pakistan unveils measures to strengthen agricultural sector

PAKISTAN is taking bold reform measures to make its agricultural sector more competitive and productive. The government expects to generate budgetary savings of about \$50 million annually as a result of the reforms, reports World Bank News. To achieve these objectives, the government is launching an adjustment programme, the first in the agricultural sector, designed to mobilise domestic resources through cost and subsidy reductions, rationalise investments in agriculture, and strengthen sectoral institutions. The World Bank is supporting the programme with a loan of \$200 million. The government will phase out economic subsidies for phosphate and potash fertilizers, privatize public tubewells in fresh groundwater areas to improve management of groundwater resources, and move toward recovering the full costs of operating and maintaining irrigation facilities. The project includes formulating an investment programme geared toward improving the efficiency of existing assets in the agricultural and water sectors. Institutions in the agricultural sector will receive technical support in areas that deal with pricing, rice and cotton exports, and water sector investments. Pakistan will use the World Bank loan to finance fertilizer and other agricultural imports. The loan will be released in two installments — \$100 million as soon as the loan becomes effective and \$100 million in October 1989, on the condition that agreed policy measures have been carried out by that time.

IFAD loan for Venezuela

ROME, Sept. 5. (OPECNA). The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will co-finance a rural development programme to be launched in the Venezuelan state of Sucre with a loan of \$10.80 million. The project, costing a total of \$20 million, is expected to substantially increase output of crops and fish breeding for around 4,000 poor farmers and fishermen in the region. The programme will provide for the construction of access roads and 12 small irrigation schemes, while collection and cold storage facilities will be built for fishermen. The scheme also aims at increasing employment opportunities and providing five-fold increases in the income of the farmers and fishermen. The project's launch was first discussed when Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi made an official visit here in June. The loan agreement was signed here last week between Venezuelan Minister of Finance Dr. Hector Hurtado and IFAD Vice-President Donald Brown. The Venezuelan government will contribute \$9.10 million towards the cost of the project, while a grant of \$120,000 from the United Nations Development Programme will be used on specialised consultancy services.

IASA board to meet in Kuwait

THE International Air Shipping Association (IASA) will hold its next board meeting in Kuwait, at the Regency Palace hotel this month. Kuwait was selected after a recommendation by Nazih Khattar, managing director of Al Naqeeb & Khattar Co., and member of the board of IASA, during the general assembly in London last May. IASA was formed in 1971 by air cargo forwarders from 12 countries. The main objective of the association is to protect the interests of relatively small companies specialising in air cargo against big multinationals in the field. Today, the association has 40 members in 39 countries (there is one member in each country, except the USA, which has two), and has achieved, in 1987, a total turnover of over \$300 million, realised through IATA (International Air Transport Association) carriers. IASAs membership requirements allow only professional companies with sound financial standing to be part of the association. Kuwait is the only Arab country in IASA since May 1984, when Al Naqeeb & Khattar Co. was elected a full member during the general assembly in Oslo, Norway. During the general assembly held in Bangkok, Thailand, in November 1985, Khattar was elected one of IASA's seven board members. Since his election, Khattar has played an active role in the management of the association and is involved in locating other potential Arab IASA members.

Marwan buys more of Benlox

CAIRO, Sept. 5. Dr. Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, has again increased his stake in Benlox Holdings, from 8.6 per cent to 10.2 per cent. After an initial rise of 5p, the shares rose a further 9p in after-hours trading to 64p, according to a London daily. Benlox is the small investment dealing and civil engineering business last year bidding for Storehouse and recently moving into property. Dr. Marwan originally held a 20 per cent stake. But after selling that holding in February to Steger Finanz, the Swiss investment bank, he re-emerged as a shareholder in May with 5.8 per cent holding. Benlox chairman Simon Berrill said yesterday that Dr. Marwan had made no approaches. Meantime, terms of the joint venture with Chelsfield to buy Wentworth Golf Club from the AMEC construction group for £17.7 million, have been restructured. Benlox, which paid £2.5 million for 50 per cent of the joint venture company, has agreed to its stake being reduced to 40 per cent.

Fuel prices doubled in Ecuador

QUITO, Sept. 5. (OPECNA). Ecuador has doubled fuel prices as part of emergency measures implemented by the new government to "correct imbalances that have led the country's economy into a general crisis." Energy and Mines Minister Diego Tamariz announced that the increases were part of a global revision of the average price of fuels "taking into account energy, economic and social factors and the redistribution of wealth." The increases take the price of a litre of high-octane gasoline from \$0.44 to \$0.92, and medium grade from \$0.36 to \$0.72. The minister stressed that government subsidy on the most popularly consumed fuels would be maintained.

The "economic emergency plan," implemented just weeks after President Rodrigo Borge assumed office, is an attempt to find a solution to the challenges facing the Ecuadorian economy. A number of other "corrective measures" have been applied, comprising a ban on luxury imports including motor vehicles, a revision of interest rates, higher taxes, rises in domestic gas and electricity tariffs and increases in the minimum wage. Import of capital goods can only be arranged with the support of international financial organisations or institutions, while price controls have been applied to basic consumer goods to counteract inflation. The plan also changes the exchange rate of the sucre against the United States dollar from 250 to 390 sucres. Ecuador is currently running a budget deficit of \$1.97 billion and has seen its monetary reserves drained by 320 million.

Somalia raises petrol prices

NAIROBI, Sept. 5. (Reuters). Somalia has raised petrol prices by 115 per cent following two major devaluations, travellers from Mogadishu said today. The petrol price increase was announced on Friday after two devaluations had sent the Somali shilling plunging to 227 per dollar from 99 in June. A litre of standard grade petrol (only one type is available in Somalia) now costs 56 shillings instead of 26 previously. Meanwhile, Somalia devalued its currency by 20.7 per cent in mid-August in a move that was little publicised abroad, banking sources in Nairobi said today. A notice published by the Somali Central Bank in Mogadishu newspapers three weeks ago said the rate had been adjusted to 227 shillings per dollar from 180 previously, they added. The devaluation came three weeks after Somalia announced it had reached agreement with the International Monetary Fund on terms of a new economic adjustment loan. It was also Somalia's second devaluation in two months. On June 20, the Somali government devalued the shilling to 180 per dollar from 99 previously. The sources said that despite the latest devaluation, the dollar still fetched up to 320 shillings on Mogadishu's thriving black market.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	191/0
ABBEY LIFE	305.0	
ADT LTD	140.4	
ALD LYONS	395.0	
AMSTRAD	210.0	
ARGYLE GP	171.0	
ASDA GP	145.0	
BAA	260.0	
BTR	267.0	
BAT INDS	436.0	
BARCLAYS	395.0	
BASS	747.0	
BEAVER	168.0	
BEECHAMS	470.0	
BERSFORD	389.0	
BICC PLC	340.0	
BLUE ARROW	97.0	
BLUE CIRC	430.0	
BUC GP	395.0	
BURNS CO	205.0	
BPB INDS	264.0	
BR CONN	218.0	
BR AIRWAY	155.0	
BR AEROSP	490.0	
BR GAS RG	176.0	
BR GAS RT	175.0	
BR LAND	311.0	
B.P.	245.0	
B.P. PP	148.0	
BR TELCOM	231.0	
BURMAN OL	216.0	
BURTON	195.0	
CABLE&WIR	370.0	
CADBURYS	351.0	
COATS VTY	214.0	
COMINT	339.0	
COMS GOLD	006.0	
COOKSONS	250.0	
COURTAULD	311.0	
DALGETY	327.0	
DEE CP	172.0	
DIXONS	154.0	
ENG CHINA	451.0	
ENTER OIL	462.0	
FKI BARCK	122.0	
FERRANTI	90.0	
GEN ACCIO	885.0	
GEN ELEC	154.0	
GLAXO	967.0	
GRANDMA	285.0	
GLOBE	139.0	
GLYNED	490.0	
GRAND MET	179.0	
GUARD RYL	317.0	
GKN	313.0	
GUTHRIE	623.0	
HANSON	142.0	
HARRISON	625.0	
HAKER SID	510.0	
HILLSMOOR	270.0	
ICI	017.0	

LONDON (Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
1ST CHARL	11/4	12/0
1ST LEISER	125/0	125/0
1ST NAT F	201/0	203/0
1ST SCOT	385/0	381/0
2ND ALLCE	732/0	734/0
600 GROUP	106/0	106/0
A.AMER TS	349/0	351/0
A.B.ELECT	405/0	406/0
A.S.W.HLD	175/0	176/0
AAB KENT	75/0	75/0
AAN NLD	261/0	262/0
AARONSON	117/0	118/0
ADDISON	312/0	313/0
ALEX WIKM	146/0	148/0
ALEXON	359/0	360/0
ALLO COLL	118/0	119/0
ALLO IR B	255/0	254/0
ALLO LON	116/0	116/0
ALLO PLIT	56/0	56/0
ALLIANCE	834/0	834/0
AMEC	327/0	328/0
AMER TST	122/4	120/0
AMERSHAM	605/0	607/0
ANT HLYNC	249/0	249/0
RMC GRP	453/0	453/0
REUTERS	480/0	480/0
RTZ CORP	418/0	418/0
ROLLS ROY	130/0	130/0
ROTHMAN B	416/0	416/0
ROYALTY	384/0	384/0
SAATCHI	344/0	344/0
SAITSBURY	210/0	210/0
SCOTT&NEW	341/0	341/0
SEARIS	130/0	130/0
SEDEWICK	232/0	232/0
SHELL	998/0	998/0
STEEB	370/0	370/0
SLOUGH ES	299/0	299/0
STD CHART	404/0	404/0
STC	254/0	254/0
STORENSE	193/4	193/4
SUN ALLIA	942/0	942/0
TARMAC	215/0	215/0
TATELYLE	817/0	817/0
TYLR WOOD	141/0	141/0
TESCO	98/0	98/0
TSE	174/0	174/0
TRUTHSEE	238/0	238/0
ULTRAMAR	253/0	253/0
UNILEVER	443/0	443/0
UNIGATE	269/0	269/0
UNITEC	269/0	269/0
UNUSP	390/0	390/0
WELLCOR	488/0	488/0
WILLCOX	127/0	127/0
WILLIAMS	266/0	266/0
WILLIS FB	242/0	242/0
WIMPEY GE	236/0	236/0
WOOLWORTH	240/0	240/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1420.5	1405.9	1391.6	1483.2
FT 500 SHR	0	981.3	981.3	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	906.74	906.74	898.42	963.01
FT GVC SEC	86.28	86.28	86.48	87.92
FT GVC MN	191.4	191.4	193.1	207.2
FT NILES F	510.69	510.69	510.51	517.46
FT OIL	1722.22	1722.22	1695.9	1834.0
FT MLD DLR	121.22	119.85	121.56	126.05
FT MLD STG	106.76	106.18	107.02	109.51
FT MLD LOC	112.34	111.35	112.91	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS JUST BELOW HIGHS IN QUIET LATE TRADE. LONDON, SEPT 5, REUTER - EQUITY PRICES WERE MOSTLY FIRMER BUT JUST BELOW THE DAY'S HIGHS IN LATE TRADING AS AN EARLY FOLLOW-THROUGH FROM FRIDAY'S STRONG PERFORMANCE GROUND TO A HALT IN THE ABSENCE OF A LEAD FROM WALL STREET, ON HOLIDAY TODAY. DEALERS SAID TODAY'S UNEXPECTED UPWARD ADJUSTMENT IN JULY'S U.K. RETAIL SALES DISAPPOINTED THE MARKET BUT THIS WAS PARTIALLY BALANCED BY A FALL IN THAT MONTH'S CREDIT GROWTH. STEADIER STERLING AND A SOFTENING IN MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ALSO HELPED TO UNDERPIN THE MARKET, DEALERS SAID. AT 1529 GMT, THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS 18.5 POINTS UP AT 1,705.4 AFTER A HIGH OF 1,767.3. JULY'S RETAIL SALES WERE REVISED UP TO SHOW A 2.4 PCT GATE FROM THE TWO PCT RISE PROVISIONALLY DECLARED LAST MONTH. WHILE THIS DID LITTLE TO EASE MARKET CONCERN OVER INFLATION, DEALERS EMPHASIZED THAT THE EFFECT OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS' 4-1/2 PCT RISE IN BASE RATES WOULD NOT BE SEEN IN THE FIGURES AS YET. ALSO, GIVEN THE RISE IN INTEREST RATES, THEY THOUGHT THE SLOWING IN BRITISH CREDIT GROWTH TO 3.8 BILLION STG IN JULY FROM 4.2 BILLION IN JUNE COULD WELL BE THE START OF A DOWNWARD TREND. BARRING A RUN ON STERLING, THE U.K. AUTHORITIES ARE SEEN CONTENT WITH BASE RATES AT THEIR CURRENT 12 PCT LEVELS, AWAITING A CLEARER PICTURE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, DEALERS SAID.

London Gold

LONDON, SEPT 5, REUTER - GOLD BULLION ENDED QUIETLY STEADY IN VERY THIN TRADE THIS AFTERNOON AS LONDON PRECIOUS METAL MARKETS CLOSED EARLY TODAY, DEALERS SAID. WITH THE NEW YORK MARKET CLOSED BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY, PRECIOUS METAL MARKETS WERE CLOSED JUST AFTER THE AFTERNOON GOLD FIX DUE TO LACK OF ACTIVITY. GOLD FINISHED VERY QUIETLY WITH LIGHT PROFESSIONAL SHORT COVERING HELPING TO RECOVER MOST OF THIS MORNING'S LOSSES, DEALERS ADDED. IT CLOSED AT 427.50/428.00 DLR AN OUNCE, FROM TRIS AFTERNOON FIX OF 427.40, AND FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 427.75/428.25.

London Money Market

LONDON, SEPT 5, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES MAINTAINED THE EASIER TONE ESTABLISHED DURING THE MORNING ON A MORE STABLE PERFORMANCE FROM STERLING. DEALERS SAID BUSINESS REMAINED VERY THIN IN THE ABSENCE OF FRESH FACTORS AND THAT OPERATORS REMAINED NERVOUS THAT U.K. BASE RATES COULD RISE FURTHER IF STERLING'S LIMITED REVIVAL PROVES TO BE SHORTLIVED. THE MARKET FEELING IS THAT THE U.K. AUTHORITIES WISH TO KEEP BASE RATES AT THE CURRENT 12 PCT FOR SOME TIME AND WILL LIKELY REPEAT LAST WEEK'S INTERVENTION ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO SUPPORT THE CURRENCY WHEN NECESSARY.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
STG 1.6825/35	3.118/132	3.1220/55	10.6095/6225	FIX
DMK 1.8514/8594	10.611/629	339.6/40.24	29.34/50	FIX
FFR 6.299/311	2.6271/6303	84.10/20	24.74/77	1300
SRN 1.5605/5615	3.5300	112.96	33.235	FIX
HFL 2.0955	6.62917	2.07145	7.04125	CLSE
ECU 1.11668	6.62917	2.07145	7.04125	CLSE
SOR 1.28607	0.770953	2.40958	8.19355	CLSE
YEN 135.92/36.02	228.68/99			NOON
SOR RATES	02/09/88	OTHERS	05/09/1988	

BENLON HD	64/0	64/0
BERKELEY	282/0	282/0
BHAM MINT	402/0	403/0
BHK GROUP	94/0	95/0
BK OF SCO	340/0	341/0
BLACK LE 2	12/6	13/0
BNETT + F	36/0	36/0
BOASE MAS	225/0	226/0
BOODINGTN	138/0	138/0
BOOTH SHIP	576/0	580/0
BOOTH WENR	380/0	378/0
BORTHWICK	55/0	55/0
BR ARROW	64/4	64/0
BR ASSETS	130/0	130/0
BR DREDGT	130/0	130/0
BR VITA	140/0	140/0
BRENT WCR	356/0	358/0
BRIDON	151/0	152/0
BRITAIN SE	173/0	173/0
BRITANNIC	331/0	328/0
BRTONX E	320/0	322/0
BRYANT GP	123/0	124/0
BSE INTL	58/4	58/0
BSE INTL	64/0	62/0
BULLION	450/0	448/0
BULLMER HP	154/0	155/0
CALANDONIA	250/0	250/0
CALOR GRP	235/0	236/0
CAMB ELEC	234/0	235/0
CANFOR E	175/0	176/0
CANNING W	213/0	213/0
CANON ST	300/0	301/0
CAP GROUP	296/0	299/0
CARADON	311/0	310/0
CARLON EN	322/0	322/0
CARLTON C	695/0	695/0
CASE GRP	122/0	122/0
CATER ALL	349/0	348/0
CATTLE HD	65/0	65/0
CAULDON	10/4	10/4
CENTL TV	525/0	523/0
CHAM PHRR	147/0	147/0
CHARTERNA	21/0	21/0
CHAS CHUR	97/0	98/0
CHLORIDE	54/0	55/0
CHRISTIES	508/0	508/0
CI GROUP	44/0	45/0
CNTRL SEC	51/4	52/0
CNTRL OIL	178/0	179/0
COATES BR	321/0	320/0
COLLINS A	438/0	443/0
COLLINS W	538/0	548/0
COLLORAL	186/0	188/0
COMBELL	270/0	270/0
COMINT	282/0	283/0
COURTS A	270/0	267/0
COURTS FR	385/0	385/0
COURTS M	181/0	182/0
CREST NIC	130/0	131/0
CRODA INT	194/0	195/0
CRYSTAL	152/0	153/0
CTRY PROP	258/0	258/0
DARES EST	28/4	29/0
DAVIS GOD	155/0	155/0
DAVY CORP	143/4	145/0
DE LA RUE	486/0	487/0
DELTA GRP	284/0	286/0
DEVEHISH	315/0	315/0
DIPLOMA	207/0	208/0
DORSON PK	91/0	92/0
DOUGLAS R	276/0	276/0
DOUGLAS R	54/0	54/0
DOVITY GRP	206/0	208/0
DRAYTON C	444/0	443/0
DRE	439/0	444/0
DUBOIS IN	76/0	78/0
DURDEE LD	290/0	290/0
DUNHILL	213/0	215/0
EDGEM TST	13/6	13/4
EDIN I.T	145/4	147/0
ELECTRON	184/0	185/0
ELLIS EVA	170/0	170/0
ENAP	200/0	201/0
EMPIRE ST	240/0	245/0
EURO GROUP	78/0	79/0
EURO HOME	314/0	315/0
EUTROTHER	369/0	369/0
EUTRNL UT	287/0	287/0
EXAMET	184/0	185/0
FAC EURO	25/4	26/0
FAC EURO	204/0	205/0
FAC PACIF	122/0	123/0
FAC SHILL	70/0	70/0
FALCON	101/0	101/0
FARNELL E	142/0	143/0
FED. HOSCH	260/0	260/0
FENNER JH	156/0	157/0
FERGUSON	261/0	261/0
FINLAN GP	85/0	85/0
FIRAL YL	100/0	103/0
FITCH LON	265/0	266/0
FLING AMR	115/0	116/0
FLING F.E	167/0	168/0
FLING INTV	134/0	134/0
FLING JAPN	190/0	192/0
FLING MERC	174/0	172/0
FLING TECH	177/0	179/0
FOR SCRAE	101/4	102/0
FRANKBAE	160/0	160/0
FRENCH LN	243/0	245/0
FRONCOR	361/0	360/0
GALLFORD	67/0	69/0
GARDNER	50/0	51/0
GEEST	259/0	260/0
GET INTL	126/0	126/0
GERDORAT	266/0	267/0
GETSTETTER	194/0	192/0
GPS	52/0	51/0
GRAMPN HD	271/0	271/0
GREEN KNG	443/0	443/0
GREENH W	226/0	227/0
GRETCOAT	386/0	385/0
GRUP TV A	45/0	45/0
GR PTLDN	342/0	345/0
GUINSS NA	122/0	122/0
GUS ORD	680/0	700/0
GVT ATL A	118/4	121/0
GVT STRA	220/4	221/0
HALL (NS)	104/0	105/0
HALL (D)	129/0	130/0
HALLUM	178/0	178/0
HAMBROS I	215/0	215/0
HANWESON	632/0	635/0

Ozal pushes up privatisation drive

Turkey tries to expand capital markets

PRIME MINISTER Turgut Ozal's second administration is pushing forward with privatisation, even though economic conditions are hardly favourable. The legacy of last year's election economics — including inflation of 75 per cent in the 12 months to the end of July — has for the moment blunted what was to have been the main thrust of Ozal's second term, according to the Middle East's business weekly (MEED).

The privatisation programme is part of a campaign to widen Turkey's capital markets and liquid capital base. Instruments in the capital market are valued at a couple of thousand million lire, while bank deposits amount to TL 1,250,000 million (\$810 million).

Because of the government's real interest rate policy — with deposit rates hiked above inflation in February — the high returns on risk-free, tax-free government interest bonds have drawn money out of shares as a savings instrument. The February move marked a complete reversal on 1987, when the yield from shares was higher than 00 bonds and bank deposits. Treasury bond yields of around 63 per cent annually far outstrip returns on shares.

"In 1986 and 1987, equities on the Istanbul Stock Exchange were more attractive; now it is the other way around," says Professor Sukru Tekbas, chairman of the regulatory Capital Markets Board.

The stock exchange boom lasted until mid-1987. Between January and July last year, investors' gains amounted to an average of 490 per cent. In the corresponding period of this year, buyers lost an average of 27 per cent in the Istanbul market.

The decline is also evident in the stock market index. In July last year, it peaked at 1,012 points, up from 170 points the previous January. In the first seven months of the year, it fell from 673 points to 493.

Shares in only three quoted companies have proved profitable this year. The exchange price leader was Akciment, followed by Bagfas and Yasar.

It was into this extremely tight market that the government in March launched its first big privatisation issue, of telecommunications joint venture Teletas. The issue was small — described as a drop in the bucket by one broker — and probably did not stretch

the market.

The shares have generally held up well, but have suffered along with the rest of the market. A top government official admits that the overall decline has probably made the shares less attractive, but says that in a country like Turkey, which needs to expand its telecommunications systems continuously, no investor can lose in the long run.

Bonds are still the main instrument used by companies to generate fresh capital. They are not traded on the exchange, basically being limited to a primary market. They are sold mainly to households — albeit rich ones — rather than institutions. Ordinary Turks prefer gold as a savings instrument — up to \$45,000 million is hoarded away, according to some estimates — since bitter memories remain of the 1982 bond market crash, which brought down Ozal from his then position as deputy premier for the economy.

During the bond boom of 1980-81, people were virtually forced to save money through bonds or certificates of deposit (CDs), as bank interest rates were far below inflation. As banks could not legally sell their own CDs, certain bankers developed a black market in bonds and CDs.

They were able to offer a higher rate of return on the certificates and bonds than the bank deposit rates through a series of back-to-back discounting operations.

System

For the system to be efficient, fresh money needed to be poured in continually. One day this stopped — and the market collapsed. Investors with bonds or CDs were able to collect their principal on maturity. Those with interest coupons or other instruments found them worthless overnight. The aversion this created to bonds, and the capital markets generally, still lasts today.

BUSINESS

Inflation fears ease

Stock markets firm, gold drops

LONDON, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Stock markets around the world generally firmed today and gold dropped as dealers said they thought inflationary pressures were easing.

But trading in most markets was quiet today. Few investors were willing to buy or sell much with US markets closed for the Labour Day holiday.

"We're only half-staffed today and those of us that are here will be leaving early. There's very little volume, we've traded a couple of times but that's been it," said a London dealer in US government bonds. The bonds eased slightly on the day in Europe.

The dollar was steady at about 1.850 West German marks and 136 yen, little changed from its Friday close in New York. It traded at \$1.6850 to the pound sterling.

Rally
Its summer rally faltered on Friday when the United States reported its unemployment rate rose to 5.6 per cent of its workforce in August from 5.4 per cent in July.

Until the jobless figures were issued, many investors had reckoned the US Federal Reserve (Central Bank) would have to raise interest rates to dampen inflation.

"I'm expecting the (dollar's) correction to go further because people are no longer expecting US interest rates to rise," said Bruno Chastonay, a vice president at Banca Della Svizzera Italiana in Lugano, Switzerland.

Gold, which is a traditional

hedge against inflation, was fixed in London this afternoon at \$427.40 an ounce, down \$1.35 from Friday afternoon.

"The figures suggest upward pressure on interest rates will ease and therefore that inflation is under control," a Zurich bullion dealer said.

Earlier, Tokyo stocks gave up about half the sharp gains they posted in a half-day weekend trading session. The 225-share Nikkei Average fell 146.67 points to 27,341.58, having jumped 371.75 points on Saturday.

"The market is basically lacklustre after Saturday's rebound," a trader said.

Paper company stocks were firm, however.

Some brokers said news that Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and his family cut short a vacation and returned to Tokyo on Sunday set off speculation about the state of Emperor Hirohito's health. However, an imperial household agency spokesman said the emperor, who is 87, was in good health.

Rates
The ascension of a new emperor would mean the start of a new Japanese calendar, and would require new forms to be printed.

"That rumour floods in and out of the market quite a bit," a trader said.

In London equity prices were mostly firm but just below the day's highs in late trading as an early follow-through from Friday's strong performance ground to a halt in the absence of a lead from Wall Street, on

holiday today.

Dealers said today's unexpected upward adjustment in July's UK retail sales disappointed the market but this was partially balanced by a fall in that month's credit growth.

Steadier sterling and a softening in money market interest rates had also helped to underpin the market, dealers said.

At 1529 GMT, the FTSE 100 index was 18.5 points up at 1,765.4 after a high of 1,767.3.

July's retail sales were revised up to show a 2.4 pct gain from the two pct rise provisionally declared last month. While this did little to ease market concern over inflation, dealers emphasised that the effect of the last three months, 4-1/2 pct rise in base rates would not be seen in the figures as yet.

Also, given the rise in interest rates, they thought the slowing in British credit growth to \$3.8 billion in July from 4.2 billion in June could well be the start of a downward trend.

Barring a run on sterling, the UK authorities are seen content with base rates at their current 12 per cent levels, awaiting a clearer picture of economic activity, dealers said.

Fading concerns of higher US interest rates after Friday's slower than expected gain in July employment is also helping the market, dealers said. The figures eased fears of inflation and were a major factor in Wall Street's 52-point surge that day.

This week's company results are expected to be encouraging and with gilt yields seen to have

peaked, dealers think the market is likely to consolidate around present levels for the time being.

Among the internationals, ICI rose 12p to 1,018, Glaxo 14p to 970, Cookson 8p to 250 and Lucas 11p to 529.

Profits
The largest company reporting this week is tobacco-to-insurance-group BAT Industries which is expected to report half-year pre-tax profits of between 705 and £720 mln compared with 642 mln last year. BAT was 3p higher at 437 today.

Building materials group Blue Circle, up 5p at 428, is seen making pre-tax profits in the region of 75 mln stg against 59.7 mln last year, analysts said.

Grand Metropolitan, 3p firmer at 494, showed little response to news its bid targeted Irish Distillers had recommended a rival 450 Irish pence per share offer from French drinks group Pernod, which is lower than Grand Met's own \$25 pence bid.

The French group said in a statement it had been assured majority control of Irish Distillers. "51.8 per cent Irish Distillers' capital is held by the Pernod Ricard Group or is the object of promises or irrevocable agreements to sell."

Employment agency Blue Arrow, fourth in the actives table with 4.8 million shares traded by 1642 GMT, was 6p higher at 97 in response to reports that its chairman, Tony Berry, had sought advice on a management buyout from US financial institutions which have offered him over one billion stg in finance.

However, analysts doubted whether he could win board and shareholder approval for such a move.

A £1 billion bid by Berry would only value Blue Arrow's shares at 140p compared with the 165 shareholders paid in last year's £837 million rights issue, analysts said.

One analyst added, "an all debt offer would entail annual interest payments of around 130 million while profits are expected to be just 80 to 85 million this year and a part-equity issue would only be swapping one set of shareholders for another."

British Aerospace, 9p higher at 490, met early demand following a hullabaloo in the Sunday Times and further benefited from news of orders worth \$400 million announced during the Farnborough air show, dealers said.

Other defence-related issues deriving support from the Farnborough air show included Hawker Siddeley and Plessey, both up 3p to 508 and 156 respectively, while GEC rose 2p to 155.

Westland was 1p up at 103, below its earlier high of 105, on news it had won a contract to sell 12 Lynx naval helicopters to South Korea. Industry sources said the deal could be worth £120 million.

Lorho closed 4p lower at 248 after a press report that it was in talks with Iran about buying the country's 25.01 per cent stake in Fried. Krupp. Lorho said today it had no comment on the report, in the West German magazine Spiegel.

Japan rules out rise in discount rate

TOKYO, Sept. 5. Satoshi Sumita, governor of the Bank of Japan, again ruled out a rise in the Japanese discount rate yesterday, in spite of pressure on the yen and fears of overheating in the economy.

The Bank of Japan is the only leading central bank not to have tightened monetary policy in recent weeks and the attention of the foreign exchange markets has switched to the yen. The dollar rose above the key Y135 level this week and dealers see it heading for Y140. The dollar closed at Y136.75 in Tokyo on Friday, reports a London daily.

Sumita told the annual convention of Japan's life assurance companies that while the Bank would keep a close watch on prices and exchange rate movements, it would maintain its current monetary policy stance for the time being.

The Governor said that pressures on capacity and in the

labour market were increasing, but added that he saw no immediate threat to price stability.

Although analysts always regard Bank of Japan statements on the discount rate with a healthy degree of scepticism, the first action by the Japanese authorities in support of the yen would be expected to be in the form of official intervention.

Share prices recovered in Tokyo on Friday, following recent sharp falls. The Nikkei-Dow Jones index rose by 182.24 to 27,116.50.

Figures released in Tokyo showed a decline in Japan's current account surplus in July.

On an adjusted basis, the surplus dipped to \$4.95 billion (\$2.96 billion) from \$5.23 billion in June and \$6.31 billion in July last year.

Unadjusted, the surplus was \$6.48 billion in July, marginally up on the \$6.43 billion recorded

in June but down on the \$7.28 billion surplus for July of last year.

The appetite among Japan's financial institutions for purchases of foreign bonds has not subsided. Figures also released yesterday showed that net foreign bond purchases rose to a record \$14.02 billion in July, almost double the \$7.30 billion recorded in June.

However, foreigners were net disinvestors in the Japanese stock market to the tune of \$3.57 billion in July, up from \$2.84 billion in June, on Ministry of Finance figures. Although gross purchases of Japanese stocks by foreigners rose from \$14.65 billion to \$17.54 billion, this was offset by an increase in gross sales of stock from \$17.49 billion to \$21.11 billion.

Sales of Japanese bonds by foreigners were a net \$1.02 billion in July, following net purchases of \$327 million in June.

Upswing seen in Kuwait capital market

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abroad. Reducing local interest rates had positive influence on asset values, leading to an increase in prices and activity in both share and real estate markets.

Role
Among other factors which have played a vital role in market activity, one can mention the high dividends distributed by shareholding companies in 1986, compared with their dividends in 1985, and the continuous efforts to regulate the market and enhance its activity, which will help to create a state of confidence and optimism, as compared with the market conditions in the past few years.

During 1987, the total shares traded in the parallel market reached 494 million shares with a

total value of KD13.7 million, distributed to 2160 transactions, against 932 million shares, totalling KD26.8 million, distributed to 4296 transactions in 1986.

From these indicators, it can be noticed that the parallel market witnessed a marked decline in all these indicators during 1987. This decline has been mainly attributed to share-splitting, which made investors shift from the parallel market to the official market.

The local stock market realised some gains, as the market value of Kuwaiti shares grew at the end of 1987 by KD500 million, totalling KD3.45 billion, against KD2.95 billion at the end of 1986.

Furthermore, some shareholding companies, such as the Gulf Cables Company, the National

Bank of Kuwait, the Kuwait Insurance Company and the Bank of Kuwait and the Middle East, distributed high ratios of dividends: 60 per cent, 20 per cent, 25 per cent, and 12 per cent respectively.

During 1987, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered three issues of bearer treasury KD bonds for public subscription at the value of KD205 million. These issues were totally covered. The maturities of these bonds ranged between one and seven years, whereas their denominations ranged between KD1000 and 500,000. These bonds bear annual interest rates payable in KD every six months, following the date of issue. The primary market of government bonds has witnessed high demand for these bonds from subscribers.

Khorafi chosen Banker of the Year



Mohamed Abdul Mohsin Al Khorafi

THE New York-based Arab Bankers Association of North America (ABANA) has awarded the "Banker of the Year" award to Mohamed Abdul Mohsin Al Khorafi, chairman of the National Bank of Kuwait, NBK, announced yesterday.

The award was given to Khorafi for his distinguished achievements and contribution to banking. It was presented on July 11 at a luncheon in New York City attended by prominent members of the banking and business community from both the United States and the Middle East.

In his welcoming speech, Taher Makkiyah, president of ABANA, said "ABANA is proud and honoured to host this function and present its award to a man who has distinguished himself throughout his life with commitment, dedication and outstanding contributions."

Chosen

Following the presentation, Khorafi said, "To be chosen as your Banker of the Year is indeed a compliment to me personally and I deeply appreciate it. However, I think this award should also be shared with the bank I present. To my mind, your award confirms that in the long run a bank must not lose sight of its basic mission. In the end, hard work and a steady course pay off."

Khorafi then introduced Ibrahim Dabboud, NBK's chief general manager, who discussed the economic situation in the Gulf area, oil prices and the strategic direction of NBK.

He emphasised that "NBK's international expansion was initiated to develop products that would make sense to our domestic customer base in Kuwait and the Gulf area."

"One of the factors which we think has contributed to the success of NBK is the consistency and depth of its management," Dabboud said.

Kuwait and Denmark sign economic accord

KUWAIT and Denmark yesterday signed an agreement on technical, scientific, industrial and economic co-operation. The accord was signed by Kuwaiti Minister of Industry and Trade Faisal Al Khalid and visiting Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen. After the signing ceremony, Al Khalid told reporters that the protocol specifies formation of a joint technical committee in the near future, through which the various fields of co-operation will be discussed. The minister expressed hope that such agreements will be the basis for trade and economic relations, particularly with friendly countries which Kuwait has trade ties with. He said that both Kuwait and Copenhagen are looking forward to more co-operation, especially in economic and investment spheres. The Finance Ministry and the Investment Public Authority are preparing the final draft for an agreement on investment guarantee.

The Kuwaiti-Danish agreement specifies that both parties work for bilateral industrial and economic co-operation. The protocol includes enhancing co-operation in energy, oil-related industries such as refining and petrochemicals, agriculture, fishing, housing, shipping and education. It also encompasses co-operation between



Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid signs an economic co-operation agreement along with Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen (centre).

Kuwaiti economic institutions and their Danish counterparts, as well as the exchange of trainees and specialists. The agreement calls for formation of a joint

committee for economic, industrial and scientific co-operation, which will supervise the implementation of the accord and explore new avenues of co-

operation. The committee, which convenes upon the request of either party, will also look into proposals to boost economic co-operation.

Gulf tour an exploratory mission, says Subroto

Soaring OPEC output hits North Sea prices

LONDON, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Soaring OPEC oil output and unresolved divisions within the organisation depressed North Sea oil prices today, oil traders said.

Britain's Brent blend crude oil, the most widely traded grade on international markets, fell below \$14 per barrel in Europe, its lowest price for seven weeks.

European traders were cautious about predicting further price falls as American traders were absent for the US Labour Day holiday and business was slack. But if American markets moved lower on Tuesday "we may see quite a drop over the next few days," one said.

Fall

The fall began late last week when OPEC secretary-general Subroto failed to make the breakthrough he was seeking in talks with Gulf war foes Iran and Iraq on Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries oil output quotas.

Subroto had flown to Baghdad and Tehran to try to get both countries to agree to accept the same quota. Iraq, which does not have one, is demanding parity with Iran's current quota of 2.369 million barrels per day (BPD). Tehran has flatly rejected this.

Prices

Analysis sees Iraqi acceptance of a ceiling on its oil production as crucial to OPEC's efforts to raise oil prices to its target of \$18 a barrel. Iraq is now pumping 2.7 million BPD one million more than a year ago.

Unless this growth in its production ends, prices could fall to \$12 per barrel or less next year, oil analysts say. Oversupply in mid-1986 sent prices tumbling

below \$10 from just under \$30 in late 1983.

Subroto has described his second Gulf tour as an "exploratory mission".

He said his visit to Kuwait, Iran and Iraq was part of his mission to prepare for the OPEC ministerial conference scheduled for November 21.

In an interview with a Baghdad daily "Al Jumhuriya" and the London-based weekly magazine "Al Tadhamun" in Baghdad, Subroto stated that various aspects of the market — supply, demand and stock were discussed for the 4th quarter.

He said the short, medium and long-term were also analysed together with production from OPEC and non-OPEC countries.

On present oil prices and production ceilings, Subroto pointed out that a choice should be made. "If you want to reach a fixed price level, you have to vary your production or you fix production and let the market determine price," he stated.

Subroto was unable to convince Iraq to accept an agreement on quotas, but said he would continue his efforts. "It would be hard to settle such a problem by means of a single visit to the two countries," he told reporters.

Progress on the oil quota issue is linked to progress in ceasefire talks in Geneva between Iran and Iraq, oil analysts said. The Geneva meeting has made little headway so far.

Meanwhile, OPEC as a whole continues to pump more oil. Group output in August averaged 20 million BPD, according to a Reuters survey on Friday of oil industry executives, government officials and shipping sources. This is one million BPD more than July and the highest level since August, 1987.

The Gulf's major oil-producer Saudi Arabia successfully resisted strong US and other pressure to reduce September crude prices, an oil industry newsletter reported today.

But hopes of higher world crude prices may be dashed as the UAE is increasing crude production "beyond even the highest earlier expectations," the newsletter said.

"Saudi Arabia has apparently

resisted considerable pressure from the whole spectrum of its term crude customers — US, European and Japanese — to agree to price formula reductions for September," the Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey said.

Formula

The survey said "the Saudis have insisted on maintaining the same price formula for September as was applicable for July and August," in continued efforts to stabilise dropping oil prices.

Four US Aramco customers — Exxon, Texaco, Mobil and Chevron — are now pressing the Saudis to implement price formula cuts for October, indicating that "cuts in lifting volumes will be inevitable if the reductions are not forthcoming," it said.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Stocks closed higher after quiet but optimistic trading led by blue chip industrials. The All Ordinaries index rose 25.31 to 1,571.5.

TOKYO: Prices closed lower in dull trading after an initial buying spree died out on profit-taking. The Nikkei index fell 146.67 to 27,341.58.

HONG KONG: Prices rebounded to end sharply higher, encouraged by New York's 52-point surge on Friday, brokers said. The Hang Seng index rose 58.21 to 2,508.19.

SINGAPORE: Prices ended generally firmer but off early highs following Tokyo's 146-point fall. The Straits Times industrial index rose 17.77 to 1,067.07.

BOMBAY: Prices rose sharply on a broad front as revived investor demand and continued institutional support.

FRANKFURT: Shares gained ground in quiet to moderate trade. The market was boosted by Friday's strength on Wall Street and an easing of interest rate fears. The Dax index rose 17.58 to 1,174.87.

ZURICH: Shares were higher across the board in moderate trading following Wall Street's gains on Friday. A stable dollar helped sentiment. The All-Share Swiss index rose to 877.3.

PARIS: Prices were higher but ended off their best in very quiet trade in the absence of any significant developments. The 50-share bourse indicator rose by 0.36 pct.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

The tenders summarized below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of government ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against a payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. MSAL/3/88/88
Tender's Internal No. 113/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour
Requirements: Supply of stationery & materials
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 11.10.88

Tender No. L.P.B./7/88-89
Tender's Internal No. 104/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Supply of active carbon
Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 2.10.88

Tender No. MEW/22/4/28/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 109/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Minor electrical installation works (3rd Geographical area)
Relevant fee: KD50
Initial guarantee: KD3500
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 2.10.88

N.B.: This tender is open for contractors classified in 2nd and 3rd categories of electrical works.
Tender No. P/S/330/88
Tender's Internal No. 115/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health
Requirements: Laundry services — 4th Group (Al Ameri & Al Razi Hospitals) — Allergenic Centre — Cancer Centre — Al Sabah Washing Station (non)

Relevant fee: KD100
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 25.9.88
Qualified tenders:
1. General Trdg. Co.
2. United Shipping, Trdg. & Contg. Services Co.
3. Al Qanater General Trdg. & Contg. Co.
4. Al Fahed Trdg. & Contg. Co.
5. Szeam Cleaning Centre Co.
6. Al Ahleeb Cleaning Co.
7. Kuwait Pritchard Maintenance & Cleaning Co.
8. Al Ahmadi Laundry Station Co.
9. Wail Al Nusif & Partners Trdg. Co.
10. Al Sanea Chemical Products
11. Al Shark Laundry

Tender No. MEW/22/4/33/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 108/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Supply of feed boxes for street lighting (local)
Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 11.10.88
Qualified Tenders:
1. Electrical Co. Co. (Nafisi & Faruqi)
2. Dalkeel Al Jassar Est.
3. Al Muhallab Trdg. & Electrical Cntrg. Co.
4. Electrical Projects Co.
5. Al Amer Electrical Co. Ltd.
6. Al Ahleeb Electrical Panels Design & Sales
7. Salem Mndh Al Nusif Electrical Co.
8. Abomac Electrical Panels Industry Co.
Tender No. HMA/M/97/77
Tender's Internal No. 103/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Construction, com-

pletion & maintenance of Music & Drama Studies Institutes
Relevant fee: KD250
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 30.10.88
Qualified tenders:
1. Mohd Abdul Mohsen Al Khorafi
2. Al Hani Construction & Trdg. Est.
3. Boodai Construction Co.
4. Ahmadiah Contg. & Trdg. Co.
5. Musaad Al Saleh & Sons Co.
Tender No. MEW/22/4/38/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 100/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Maintenance works of sea inlets in Doha Eastern Station
Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 9.10.88

Qualified tenders:
1. Kuwait Shipbuilding & Repair Yard Co.
2. Ali Mohd Thunayan Al Ghanim Est.
3. Al Fahed Trdg. & Contg. Co.
4. Middle East Construction Co.
5. Adel Ali Al Hamad Gen. Contg. Ltd. Co.
N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10 am on Wednesday, 21.9.88 in Eastern Doha Station to acquaint with the nature of works.
Tender No. R 99/89
Tender's Internal No. 102/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.
Requirements: Supply of fasteners
Relevant fee: KD30
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88

Tender No. 1/88/88
Tender's Internal No. 111/89
Concerned party: Ministry of Finance
Requirements: Cleaning of buildings & services of Ministries Complex
Relevant fee: KD50
Initial guarantee: KD1500
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 11.10.88
Qualified Tenders:
1. Al Ahleeb Cleaning Circle Co.
2. United Shipping, Trdg. & Contg. Services Co.
3. Tanziqoo Est.
4. National Cleaning Co.
5. Kuwait Swedish Cleaning Services Co.
6. Blue Sea Trdg. Co.
7. Abdul Hameed Salem Trdg. Est.
8. Dana & Berekeley Cleaning Works Co.
9. Kuwait Pritchard Cleaning Co.
10. Al Arab Trdg. Co.
11. Kuwait National Real Estate Management Co.
12. Al Mulla Maintenance & Cleaning Services Co.
13. Wail Al Nusif & Partners Trdg. Co.
Tender No. M.T.M/15/87
Tender's Internal No. 845/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health
Requirements: Catering services for New Military Hospital
Relevant fee: KD100
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 25.10.88
Qualified tenders:
1. Kuwait Catering Services Co.
2. Tourism & Commercial Co. for Middle East Hotels
3. Kuwait Hotels Co.
4. Al Othman Trdg. & Contg. Co.
5. Al Ahleeb Inter. Trdg. & Import Cn.
6. Dana & Berekeley Co.
7. Kuwait Fruits & Vegetables Supply Co.
8. General Trdg. Co.
9. Tariq Al Ghanim Co. Ltd.
10. Al Kazmi Hotels & Tourism Enterprises Co.
Tender No. MEW/22/4/39/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 119/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of control appliances for street lighting
Relevant fee: KD. 30/-
Initial Guarantee: 2% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, 18.10.88
Qualified Tenders:
Name of Company
Local Agent (in bracket)
1. Me & Crust — Germany (Kuwait German Engineering & Trdg. Co.)
2. Sayab — Germany (Fadden Trd. & Gen. Contg. Co.)
3. Sepher — France (Abdul Aziz A. Mohsen & Partners)

4. Shindakeh — Thailand (Rajwadi, Laxaria & Sons — Posts Industry Co.)
5. Osaka — Japan (Abdulla Mohd Al Asfour Co.)
6. Limberger — Swiss (Kuwait German Engineering & Trdg. Co.)
7. W.J. Barry — England (Mudian & Abdul Majeed Trdg. & Electrical Contg. Co.)
Tender No. MEW/22/4/42/88/89
Tender's Internal No. 99/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water
Requirements: Major overhaul for High Voltage Motors in Eastern Doha Station
Relevant fee: KD. 20/-
Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Sunday, 9.10.88

Qualified Tenders:
1. Mohd Abdul Rahman Al Bahar (Jussaido — Joint Venture)
2. Brown — Boveri Electrical Co. (Kuwait)
3. High Precision Installation & Maint. Co. (Imco)
4. Al Grace Trading Est. / International Automation — (Joint Venture)
5. Al Meer Technical Services Co.
6. Molocave Est. / Iico Co. — (Joint Venture)
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Tender No. C.I.A./2/88
Tender's Internal No. 106/88
Concerned party: Public Authority for Civil Inform.
Requirements: Supply of printing for the Authority
Relevant fee: KD. 30/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Sunday, 25.9.88

Tender No. MAA/2/87-88
Tender's Internal No. 107/88
Concerned party: Public Authority for Minor Affairs
Requirements: Supply of office furniture, carpets & curtains for Minors Affairs.
Relevant fee: KD. 150/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing Date: 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, 2

Dear Junior Readers,

One of the many things in life that we find hard to accept is that we are sometimes wrong. Even when we know we have upset or angered someone by doing or saying something out of order, that one word, "sorry," still somehow sticks in the throat. Maybe it is because we think it shows us to be weak in front of others, but in fact the opposite is true. It is a sign of a strong character to swallow your pride and admit that what you did or said was bad, or just plain silly.

Do not think that people will imagine you are "soft" if you say you are sorry. You will find that anyone with any sense will think better of you than of the kind of person who stubbornly refuses to admit to a mistake.

But, one last thing — when you say you are sorry, you really have to mean it. Empty words are probably almost as bad as saying nothing at all, because, of course, it means that you still believe that what you did or said was right.

Auntie Joyce.

Happy birthday



Bhavna Purwani celebrated her 2nd birthday on Sunday, September 4. Love from Dilip, Versha, Narain Das, Parpati, Nand, Jayshree and Lajwanti.



Kevin celebrated his birthday on 28th August. Best wishes Kevin, from Mom, Dad, relatives and friends.

Solution to 'Storytime':

1. Cinderella 2. Beauty and the Beast 3. Babes in the Wood 4. The Little Red Hen.

Solution to 'Name the creatures': Sparrow, spider, sheep, pig, blackbird.

Nature quiz

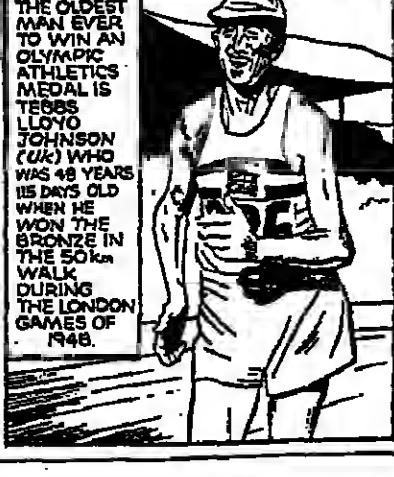
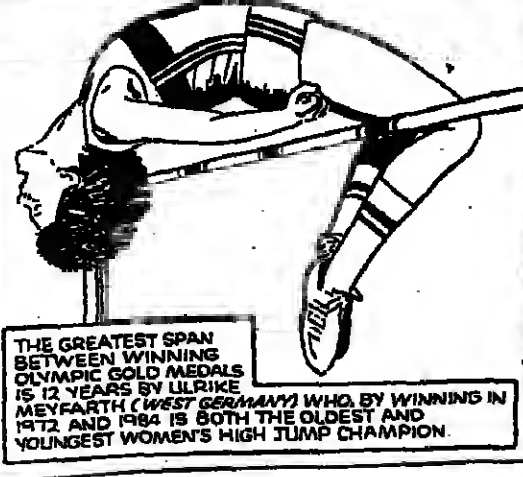
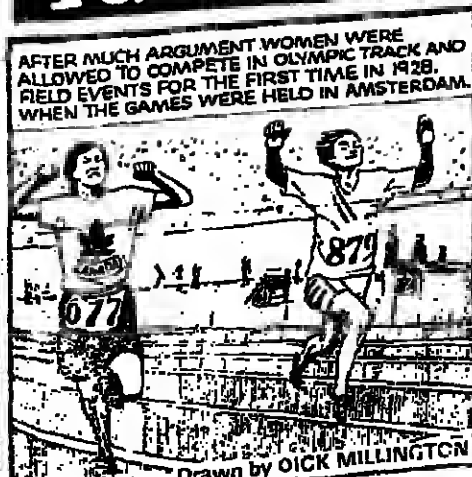
1. In nature study, what are scavengers?
2. What is the solar system?
3. How do most plants make their food?
4. What kind of a horse is a roan?
5. What is the chief feature of the Lombardy poplar?
6. Why is it necessary to put plants in an aquarium?
7. What are the male and female of deer called?
8. What is the main diet of the swift?
9. What farm crop is susceptible to damage from the Colorado beetle?
10. From what plant do we get linseed?
11. What is the chief diet of the pelican?
12. What is the difference between antler and antler?
13. If something is described as leporine what is it supposed to be like?
14. What animal gives us mohair?
15. A quadruped is a four-footed animal. What is a palmiped?
16. What is the biggest animal in the world?
17. If the 'sire' is the male parent of a horse, what is the female parent?
18. What is the clever trick of the chameleon to escape notice?
19. What animal has earned the reputation of being the number one killer of snakes?
20. What creature had an early ancestor known as the Eohippus who was no bigger than a fox?

Solution on Thursday

What comes next?

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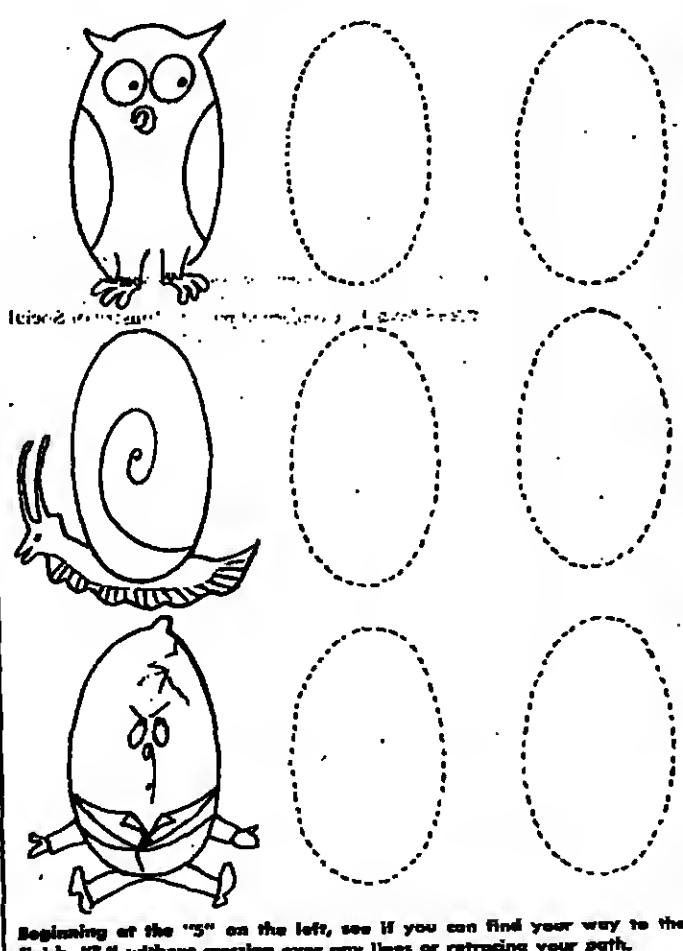


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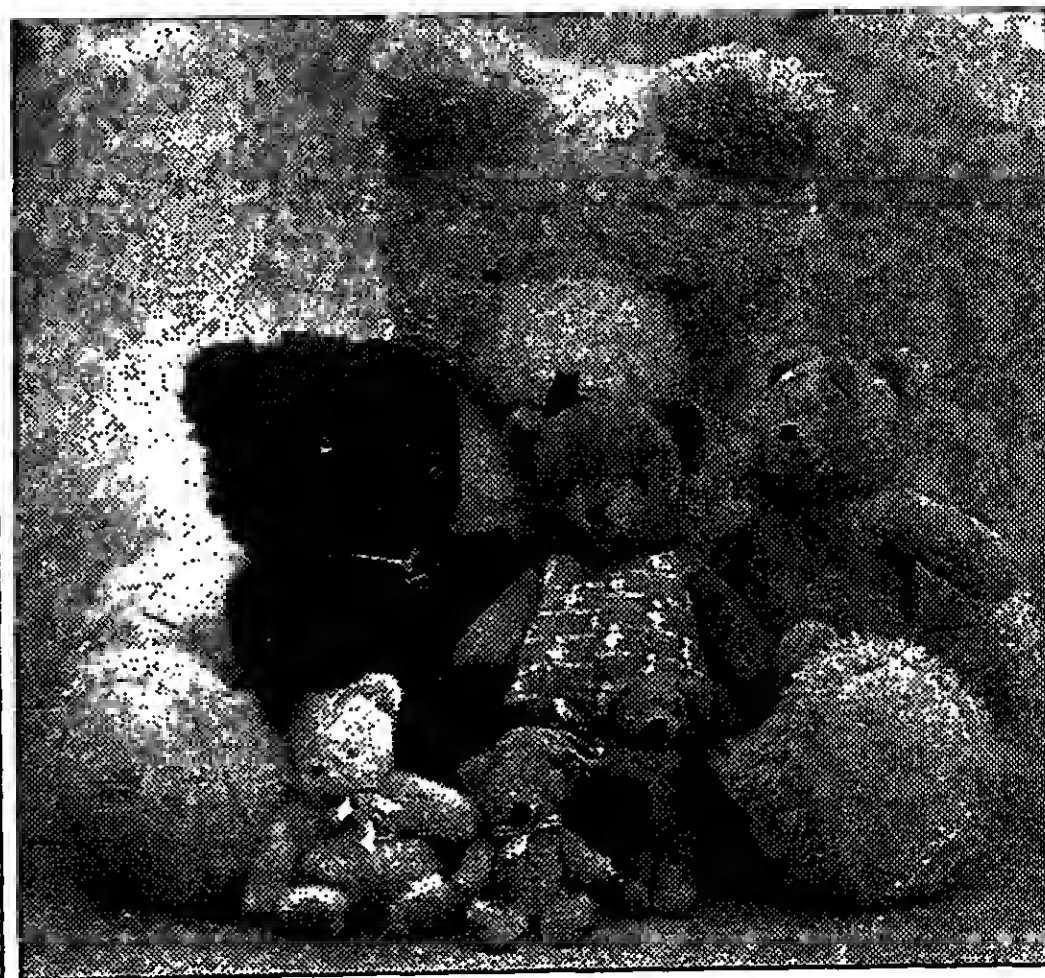
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Have fun with these



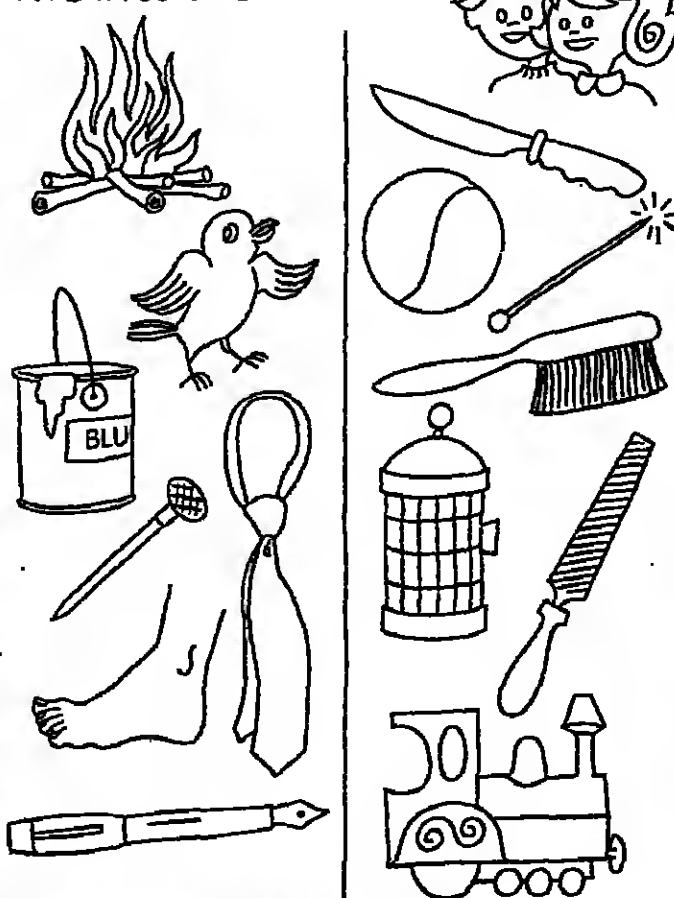
Beginning at the "5" on the left, see if you can find your way to the fish, "9," without crossing over any lines or retracing your path.

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Two into one



Combine the pictures on the left with the pictures on the right to make seven other things.

Solution on Thursday

Tree Trail

A	R	C	H	E	S	T
L	P	O	S	T	U	N
E	E	P	P	R	U	C
B	C	H	R	I	B	E
Y	L	L	C	H	E	R
N	H	O	H	C	Y	R
R	O	H	T	W	W	A
E	L	M	H	A	N	L
E	R	O	M	T	U	R
S	Y	C	A	P	E	A

Go from square to square to spell out twelve trees. Use each square once only and move up and down and across but not diagonally.

Solution on Thursday



Why was the railway station called Fish Hook? Because it was the end of the line.

What is worse than an elephant with sore nose? A tortoise with claustrophobia.

What would you have if your car's motor was on fire? A fire engine.

Why is writing called handwriting? Because if you wrote with your foot it would be footwriting.

Why did the man wear loud socks? He didn't want his feet to fall asleep.

Why do turkeys eat so little? Because they are always stuffed.

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SPORTS

Offshore sailing season starts

KUWAIT Offshore Sailing Association (KOSA) yesterday released the Winter Sailing Programme. The 17 events will begin from the new Shaab Marina where 11 of the KOSA fleet are currently resident.

The season opens this Friday, at 2.00 pm with an "Open Day" where anyone who would like to try the sport is guaranteed a sail on one of the KOSA yachts.

The week after open day is Ladies' Helm Race, where ladies of KOSA race an Olympic course, the winner receives a trophy.

The next weekend is a fun race this race is dedicated to the yacht boat owners and a broken piston is awarded to the winning yacht.

Head

At the end of Sept, KOSA run the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) "Maritime Day" race.

KOSA Week, one of the main offshore regattas in the Gulf, is held over a 10-day period in Oct. The regatta comprises several races over different distances and yachts will be crewed by about 60 sailors. Trophies are awarded to winners at the KOSA week Regatta Ball.

After a weekend, comes the line-up for the Winter Series. These comprise seven more races spread over Nov and Dec. The last race is held on Dec 16.

The season closes Dec 23 with the traditional Turkey Race. A carnival atmosphere prevails amongst yachts who dress up for the pursuit race. The winner receives a turkey and tokens are awarded for special antics.

KOSA has announced that a keelslip cup will be again awarded to the "top yacht" every month. There are other prizes scheduled within the various events.

KOSA are currently negotiating with sponsors and hoping that the long distance races can be held overnight.

For enquiries phone: 5326145.

Programme

Sept 09: KOSA Open Day, 1400 hrs.

Sept 16: Ladies Helm Race, 1100 hrs.

Sept 23: Piston Broke Trophy, 1100 hrs.

Sept 30: UASC Maritime Race, 1000 hrs.

Oct 13: Can KW1, 0900 hrs.

Oct 14: Mid KW2, 0900 hrs.

Oct 20: Long KW3, 1600 hrs.

Oct 23: Can KW4, 0900 hrs.

Oct 23: Can KW5, 1300 hrs.

Nov 02: Long WS1, 1600 hrs.

Nov 18: Mid WS2, 0900 hrs.

Nov 24: Can WS3, 0900 hrs.

Nov 25: Can WS4, 1300 hrs.

Dec 08: Long WS5, 1600 hrs.

Dec 16: Can WS6, 0900 hrs.

Dec 23: Turkey Race, 1100 hrs.

STEELERS HOLD OFF COWBOYS

Bears maul Dolphins in NFL opener

NEW YORK, Sept 5, (AP): Jim McMahon says he and his fellow Chicago Bears accept the role of underdogs — but it doesn't look as though they'll have to play the part very long.

On the first Sunday of the National Football League season, the Bears thrashed the Miami Dolphins 34-7.

"A lot of people wrote us off," said McMahon, healthy at last after two seasons of arm miseries. "But we have a lot of confidence in this team. We accept the role of underdogs."

We eliminated the turnovers and got the ball in the end zone," said Neal Anderson, who scored the first two Chicago touchdowns.

Dan Marino completed a career-low nine passes in 22 attempts for 113 yards, and Miami managed only 45 yards in the ground.

In other games on the first Sunday of the 16-week NFL season, it was Detroit 31, Atlanta 17; Pittsburgh 24, Dallas 21; the Los Angeles Rams 34, Green Bay 17; Buffalo 13, Minnesota 10; Philadelphia 41, Tampa Bay 14; Cincinnati 21, Phoenix 14; San Francisco 34, New Orleans 33; New England 28, the New York Jets 3; Houston 17, Indianapolis 14 in overtime; the Los Angeles Raiders 24, San Diego 13; Seattle 21, Denver 14, and Cleveland 6, Kansas City 3.

The defending Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins were to visit the New York Giants this evening.

With McMahon in charge, the Bears went on two long, time-consuming drives in the second quarter to take control. McMahon scored on runs of one and two yards to cap drives of 72 and 78 yards, and Chicago led 28-7 at the half.

Lions 31, Falcons 17

In a game matching teams supposedly going nowhere, Atlanta showed signs of getting there first. Atlanta committed four turnovers, including a fumbled punt that George Jamison converted into a four-yard scoring run. Chuck Long completed 13 of 19 passes for 107 yards, including scoring passes of seven yards to Pete Mandley and one yard to Mark Lewis.

Steelers 24, Cowboys 21

Bobby Brister, pumping life into what was the worst passing offense in the NFL a year ago, completed 13 of 27 for 214 yards. He had a one-yard touchdown run and had a hand in Pittsburgh's other scores.

Rams 34, Packers 7

Jim Everett threw for two touchdowns, more than enough offense to support a Rams defense that converted seven Packers turnovers into 24 points. Fumbles set up two touchdowns and a field goal and Jerry Gray



Broncos' John Elway sits on the bench before the start of the game.

extending Tampa Bay's losing streak to nine games, longest in the NFL.

Bengals 21, Cardinals 14

Boomer Esiason threw three touchdown passes, but it was the Cincinnati defense that spelled defeat for Cardinals in their first game as representative of Phoenix. Neil Lomax drove the Cardinals 79 yards to a first down at the Cincinnati 1-yard line with 1:15 to go. Stump Mitchell was thrown for losses of two and six yards and a Lomax pass was incomplete, setting up a fourth-down play from the nine. Jason Buck then knifed through the Phoenix line to sack Lomax on fourth down as time expired.

Patriots 28, Jets 3

Steve Grogan, a nemesis of the New York Jets throughout his career, was at it again yesterday. He threw for 256 yards and twice hooked up with Irving Fryar for touchdowns. Rookie Teddy Garcia had a mixed day, kicking three field goals but missing two extra point kicks.

Oilers 17, Colts 14

Eric Dickerson's fumble after a pass reception on the first play of overtime set the stage for Tony Zendejas' deciding field goal of 35 yards, which made amends for a 26-yard one he's missed with two minutes to go in regulation. Dickerson ran for a total 109 yards.

49ers 34, Saints 33

Joe Montana threw three touchdown passes in a 12-minute span of the third quarter, despite having bruised his elbow in the second quarter. The elbow puffed up in the third quarter, and Montana went to the sidelines in favour of Steve Young.

Raiders 24, Chargers 13

Tim Brown, last year's Heisman Trophy winner from Notre Dame, proved to be just as big a hit in the NFL. He touched the ball for the first time on the kickoff after San Diego had pulled within 7-3 on Vince Abbott's field goal. Brown motored 97 yards for a touchdown.

Seahawks 21, Broncos 14

Dave Krieg was his old inconsistent self, hitting only four of 13 passes in the first half before catching fire in the second. Three plays after a John Elway pass was intercepted, Krieg found Ray Butler on a three-yard pass play for a 14-7 Seattle lead early in the third period.

Browns 6, Chiefs 3

Gary Danielson, who didn't practice all week because Bernie Kosar is in charge of the Browns' offense, drove Cleveland to two field goals in Kosar's absence. Kosar suffered a sprained right elbow in the first quarter and watched the rest of the game. He saw Danielson drive the Browns 81 and 73 yards to set up two Chris Baer field goals.

N. Korea pledges not to sabotage Games

TOKYO, Sept 5, (AP): North Korea today pledged not to sabotage the Summer Olympics that start in Seoul this month and said any disruptions of the Games would be the responsibility of South Korea and the United States.

"The United States and South Korea are unilaterally forcing the 24th Olympic Games to be held in Seoul and are using the Olympics as an excuse to permanently divide our country, and that is why we are not taking part," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said, according to the official radio Pyongyang.



Samaranch (left) is greeted at the Seoul airport by Park Seh Jik, president of the organising committee. (Reuters wirephoto)

Threaten

"But we wish to make clear that we are not at all considering sabotaging or using military force to threaten the competition," the spokesman was quoted as saying in the broadcast, which was monitored in Tokyo.

"If any incident occurs during the Olympics, it will have nothing to do with our side and should be the responsibility of US and South Korean authorities themselves," the spokesman said.

Communist North Korea, bitter rival of South Korea since the 1950-53 Korean war, announced on Saturday that it would not take part in the Sept 17-Oct 2 Games, which it had demanded

to co-host.

The International Olympic Committee rejected Pyongyang's demand, saying the Games are awarded to only one city. Pyongyang turned down an IOC offer that it host all or part of five sports.

South Korean authorities have expressed a keen concern that North Korea might resort to terrorist attacks to disrupt the Games, seen as an unrivalled chance for South Korea to gain worldwide stature and media exposure.

Meanwhile, Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, arrived in Seoul today and said the Games would be the best ever.

Samaranch, 68, told reporters at the airport it was time to worry about countries participating in the Games rather than about the six countries, including North

Korea, which are boycotting.

"Really, now, we are interested in those countries taking part in the Games and not those boycotting them," he said.

Asked whether he expected the Seoul Games to be good, he replied: "The best one."

He praised South Korea's Olympic organisers for their preparatory work and said: "The people of Korea have done a wonderful job and I hope the Games will be successful."

He said the main issue at an IOC session to be held from September 13 to 16 would be the choice of the country staging the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Samaranch confirmed today that his committee will not allow officials and judges of the countries boycotting the Olympics in Seoul to play a part in the Games individually.

Sanction

"Therefore, Olympic ID cards will not be issued to people of the countries not coming to Seoul," Samaranch said such a sanction against boycotting countries was made after the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

Officials at the Seoul Olympic Organising Committee said the IOC decision will affect three officials and seven umpires from Cuba who have applied for ID cards for the Seoul Olympics.

The decision, however, would not affect journalists, they said.

Gurriel and O'Reilly take Cuba past US

PARMA, Italy, Sept 5, (AP): Lourdes Gurriel belted his second homer to tie the game in the ninth, then Alejo O'Reilly smashed a solo shot to cap a four-run rally that gave Cuba a 10-9 win over the United States at the World Baseball Championship last night.

Both teams entered the contest 10-0 for the tournament. The United States took a 9-6 lead into the final inning, thanks to a three-run homer by Ted Wood and solos by Dave Silvestri and Tom Goodwin.

But Gurriel, who hit a solo homer in the second, connected again in the ninth, tying the score. Homeruns accounted for nine of Cuba's runs. Besides the homers from Gurriel and O'Reilly, Cuba also got an RBI homer from Luis Ulaica and a solo by Omar Linares.

The win means Cuba will play fourth-place Japan in the semifinals at 3 pm (1300 GMT) Tuesday and the United States must play third-place Taiwan at 9 pm (1900 GMT) the same day.

Taiwan, 8-3, clinched its semifinal berth with a 12-1 win that knocked Japan out of a tie for third. Japan still qualified for the semifinals because it beat Canada, which also finished 7-4, in an earlier game.

In other games Canada defeated Nicaragua 9-7, South Korea defeated Puerto Rico 7-5 and the Netherlands Antilles defeated Spain 20-2.

Taiwan hattered four Japanese pitchers for 20 hits, including a triple and seven doubles. Japan's only run came on a fifth-inning homer by Masafumi Nishi.

Puerto Rico, trailing 7-3, made a last ditch effort to rally in the ninth on a two-run homer by Angel Morales. But South Korean reliever Ki-Bom Kistruck out the next two batters to end the threat.

For the Blue Jays, George Bell hit a Grand Slam in the bottom of the ninth inning and Rance Mullins' two-run double highlighted a five-run eighth, as Toronto rallied against Texas ace Bobby Witt in a 9-7 victory.

Kansas City's Israel Sanchez allowed one hit in 4 1/3 innings of relief and George Brett's RBI double broke a fifth-inning tie in the Royals' 3-2 win over the Twins.

Billy Ripken and Joe Orsulak hit two-run homers and Terry Kennedy added three hits and an RBI to lead Baltimore over Seattle 6-4.

In Cleveland, Harold Baines' RBI triple highlighted a four-run ninth inning as Chicago came back to beat the Indians 5-2 and gain a split of their doubleheader. In the first game, Dave Clark homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to lead Cleveland 3-2 over Chicago.

The weather played havoc with the National League schedule, so Danny Jackson made sure Chicago didn't rain on his parade to 20 victories.

Jackson went 4-for-5, including two hits during Cincinnati's nine-run fifth inning, as the Reds defeated the Cubs 17-0 yesterday at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

"Winning 20 games never was out of the question. What was a shocker, was my getting four hits," said Jackson, who entered the game hitting .122 (19-for-74). Jackson, 29, allowed six hits and walked none as the third-place Reds won their fifth straight game and eighth in their 11 to move within 6 1/2 Los Angeles. The only other 20-game winner in the Major Leagues this season is Minnesota's Frank Viola.



Griffith-Joyner (left): showed up but did not participate

Few US Olympians run in pre-Seoul meet

LOS ANGELES, Sept 5, (Reuters): It was supposed to be a final warmup for the US Olympic track and field team, but very few took advantage of Saturday's Gold Rush '88 track and field meet.

And the biggest names that showed up, like Edwin Moses, Florence Griffith-Joyner and Evelyn Ashford, didn't even participate.

Current

In the case of the two American women sprinters their non-participation was not by choice.

Ashford, the gold medalist in Los Angeles at 100 metres, and Griffith-Joyner, the current world record holder at the distance, were hoping to take part in a warm-up for the 4 x 100 metre relay.

Unfortunately, they never got their chance even though the US team was running unopposed.

The first two runners, Jennifer Inness and Alice Brown, were unable to successfully pass the baton. Officials gave them a second chance but they failed again when the race was re-run.

The two women are among a

number of US sprinters competing for spots on the American relay team which will be chosen by the national coach.

Ashford, who anchored America's gold medal 4 x 100 metre relay team four years ago, said, "despite today, our relay team will be very hard to beat in Seoul."

Moses, the two-time gold medal winner in the 400 metre hurdles, never planned to compete and sat quietly talking with friends off the track.

A number of US Olympians did take part. Steve Scott won the 1,500 metres with a time of three minutes 45.50 seconds.

Later Scott took part in the 800 metre race as well, which he will not race at Seoul, and finished in fourth place with a time of 1:50.99.

The women's events were highlighted by Gail Devers-Roberts who won the 100 metre hurdles in 13.08 seconds and the 100 metres in 11.39 seconds. In Seoul she is scheduled only to compete in the hurdles event.

Kim Gallacher, who is on the US Olympic 800 and 1,500 metre team won the 1,500 metre event in 4:03.29.

Indian Skimmer scores first win

DUBLIN, Sept 5, (Reuters): Indian Skimmer pulled off her first victory of the season by taking the Phoenix Champion Stakes yesterday to provide a measure of compensation for a disappointment in a race at York, England, 18 days ago.

She reversed the form of York's International Stakes where she finished behind both Persian Heights and Shady Heights, who were fourth and second respectively here.

However, Indian Skimmer's victory by three-quarters of a length was followed by another a post race inquiry.

Indian Skimmer was the chief sufferer of interference which

cost Persian Heights another Group One success at York, but this time her connections had an anxious 10-minute wait while stewards examined a re-run of the race.

Skimmer, partnered by Michael Roberts deputising for Steve Cauthen, and the Willie Carson-ridden Shady Heights seemed to come close together in the last furlong.

Softer

The head-on film of the race showed that Roberts twice had to put down his whip to get his mount on an even keel as Indian Skimmer hung left and, in the words of jockey Willie Carson, "intimidated mine."

Trainer Henry Cecil was visibly relieved when confirmation came of his grey filly's win, and he said: "If there's softer ground we may well win the Champion Stakes (at Newmarket). But I may in fact run her in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Ascot) or the Sun Chariot Stakes (Newmarket) before the big Dubai promotion at Newmarket," he said.

As Indian Skimmer and Shady Heights fought out their protracted duel, Persian Heights was beginning to wilt and only held on for fourth from the complete outsider Lord Bud (66-1) by a neck.

Real prepare for Europe with nervous start

MADRID, Sept 5, (Reuters): Spanish champions Real Madrid uptied nervously towards the opening round of the European Cup with a 2-2 home draw with Osasuna as the Spanish League soccer season kicked off at the weekend.

Real, who meet Norway's Moss in a first round first leg tie in Madrid on Wednesday, will be asking big questions about their defence which has conceded five goals in the last two home games following a 3-0 defeat by Inter Milan in a friendly last week.

"Nine out of the 11 players were not at their normal level," their Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker said.

Debut

Bernd Schuster, the West German with the fastest pay packet in the country, was on the Madrid score-sheet with Rafael Martin Vazquez but made an overall disappointing debut after his move from Barcelona. Goals by Irish international Michael Robinson and Miguel Merino gave Osasuna a well-earned draw.

Beenhakker's compatriot Johan Cruyff started his Spanish coaching career in style as his

new-look Barcelona warmed up for a European Cup-Winners' Cup trip to Iceland's Fram Reykjavik with a 2-0 win over local rivals Espanol.

Aitor Beguiristain, one of seven new players in the side, and Roberto Fernandez hit the goals, which Cruyff was forced to admire from the stands, his place on the trainers' bench denied him because of a problem in obtaining an official coach's licence.

Spanish rules say Cruyff, one of the most skilful players of all time in his 1970s heyday, is not experienced enough — the second time he has found laws and regulations almost preventing him from passing on his expert knowledge to today's generation.

His first job in coaching at Ajax Amsterdam began with Dutch trainers protesting he had no official coaching certificate.

Cruyff's replacement at Ajax, Kurt Linder, has his own problems. His side go into Wednesday's tough away UEFA Cup tie against Sporting Lisbon after losing 2-1 to Twente, their second defeat in four Dutch First Division games this season.

Last season's Cup-Winners'



Johan Cruyff

Cup finalists appear torn between the attacking, open style of play of the Cruyff and Linder school and the more defensive strategy favoured by two of the club's assistant managers.

European Cup title-holders PSV Eindhoven, given a bye for the first round of this year's competition, finally struck form after a hesitant start to the season with a decisive 5-2 victory over Den

Boch.

According to Dutch press reports, PSV also hope to boost their strike power by acquiring attacker John Aldridge from Liverpool. The Dutch club is said to be ready to offer between three and five million guilders (\$1.5 to 2.5 million).

West German champions Werder Bremen, who have made a mediocre start to the season, were given the weekend off before their trip to East Germany's Dynamo Berlin in the European Cup tomorrow.

Dynamo must fancy their chances after warming up with a 6-2 thrashing of Rot-Weiss Erfurt in the East German First Division.

West German First Division minnows Bonyer Uerdingen are tasting the rare delight of life at the top of the Bundesliga.

The small club from the Ruhr town of Krefeld, whose highest achievement in an 83-year history was the West German Cup in 1985, jumped to the top by beating Karlsruhe 1-0 away while UEFA Cup campaigners Bayern Munich drew and Cologne lost.

Cologne's 2-0 defeat at Stutt-

gart left trainer Christoph Daum rueing the fact that five of his players were jaded after taking part in West Germany's 4-0 win over Finland in midweek.

Cologne travel to Belgium's Antwerp in the UEFA Cup tomorrow while Stuttgart's victory will give them confidence for a tie against Hungary's Tatabanya in the same competition.

Bayern, who play Poland's Legia Warsaw, were held to a 1-1 draw by UEFA Cup-holders Bayer Leverkusen, who start the defence of their title against Portugal's Os Belenenses at home.

Doubtful

French champions Monaco, who dropped to sixth in the French First Division after a 3-0 defeat by Matra Racing Paris, will be without England striker Mark Hateley for their European Cup tie with Iceland's Valur Reykjavik. Sweeper Patrick Battiston is doubtful.

Hateley faces abdominal surgery on Friday in London for the third time in a year, and Battiston, although making the trip to Reykjavik, injured his left knee in Friday's match with Racing and could be sidelined.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

AL East locked in tight race

NEW YORK, Sept 5, (AP): Going into Labour Day, the American League East looks like a race going right down to the wire.

While Detroit, Boston and New York were matching losing streaks, Milwaukee and Toronto quietly pulled into the running. The Tigers and Red Sox are tied for first, the Brewers and Yankees share third, four games back, and the Blue Jays are next, 6 1/2 behind.

The Brewers are the hottest team in the division, riding a six-game winning streak. Ted Higuera allowed one hit in seven innings yesterday as the Brewers beat the Tigers 6-1 to complete a four-game sweep.

"I think it's going to take about 90 to win it, at least to be thinking about winning it, and that's if no one takes off and really gets going again," manager Tom Trebelhorn said.

Milwaukee has beaten Detroit six straight times, gaining seven games in 14 days. The Brewers have completed their games against AL East opponents, however, and must now depend on other teams to help them move up.

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Cleveland 3-2 over Chicago in the first game of a doubleheader and Chicago 5-2 in the nightcap, Toronto 9, Texas 7, Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2, Oakland 11, New York 2, Baltimore 6, Seattle 4, and Boston 6, California 5, in 10 innings.

The Red Sox have had the most frustrating time lately, blowing four chances to tie the Tigers before finally pulling even yesterday. Larry Parrish's leadoff homer in the 10th inning, his third in four games, gave Boston the victory.

Error

Parrish bonered in Boston's 4-2 victory over California on Thursday while his throwing error was pivotal in Friday's 3-2 loss.

"I guess I went 2-for-3. I helped win two games and helped lose one," Parrish said.

Oakland's Dave Stewart allowed four hits in seven innings and Dave Henderson and Dave Parker hit two-run homers as Oakland sent New York to its 24th loss in 36 games, an 11-2 drubbing.

For the Blue Jays, George Bell hit a Grand Slam in the bottom of the ninth inning and Rance Mullins' two-run double highlighted a five-run eighth, as Toronto rallied against Texas ace Bobby Witt in a 9-7 victory.

Kansas City's Israel Sanchez allowed one hit in 4 1/3 innings of relief and George Brett's RBI double broke a fifth-inning tie in the Royals' 3-2 win over the Twins.

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SPORTS

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Driving ban

MANCHESTER, England, Sept. 5. (UPI): Bryan Robson, the Manchester United and England soccer captain, was banned from driving for three years and fined £250 (\$450) after pleading guilty to a drink-driving offence.

Italian club

BERGAMO, Italy, Sept. 5. (UPI): A delegation from Italian soccer club Atalanta departed today for Moscow in hopes of signing Dynamo Kiev player Igor Belanov.

Indy-car race

LEXINGTON, Ohio, Sept. 5. (AP): Emerson Fittipaldi dominated in the wet and the dry yesterday to win the Escort 200 Indy-car race at mid-Ohio sports car course.

Charity Classic

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 5. (Reuters): Betsy King took a two-stroke lead over three other Americans after the second round of the \$250,000 Charity Cup yesterday.

Cup gamble

CARDIFF, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Wales are set to gamble on Everton defender Pat van den Hauwe when they launch their daunting World Cup soccer bid against European champions the Netherlands in Amsterdam on Sept. 14.

Danish player

GENEVA, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Danish soccer international Lars Lunde, who was injured in a car crash five months ago, made his comeback with Swiss First Division Aarau's reserve team yesterday.

Bucharest win

VALETTA, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Victoria Bucharest (Romania) beat Slavia Wladimir (Malta) 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a European Football Union (UEFA) Cup first round, first leg soccer match yesterday.

John Aldridge

LIVERPOOL, England, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Liverpool's manager Kenny Dalglish has ended speculation that John Aldridge, the team's top scorer last season, would transfer to European and Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven.

Soviet swimmer

MOSCOW, Sept. 5. (Reuters): World record holder Vladimir Salnikov will take part in the 1,500 metres swimming competition at the Seoul Olympics despite a disappointing string of results this season, the official Soviet news agency Tass said today.

Basketball team

PARIS, Sept. 5. (Reuters): A French women's basketball team, who had been training hard for this season's European Cup, were in a state of shock yesterday after the Cup's organisers in Madrid forgot to include them in the draw. "We're really being laid low," said Robert Leroux, chairman of the northern French club Orchies Nomain.

Three-year ban

GLASGOW, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Dundee United soccer manager Jim McLean had a three-year ban from the touchline confirmed today after an argument which a top official said could have caused the most serious incident since the Heysel stadium tragedy.

AUSTRALIA SCORE 317 FOR THREE

Marsh hits Patron's XI for 136



Marsh: in brilliant form

LAHORE, Pakistan, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Opener Geoff Marsh cracked a brilliant 136 as Australia ran up an imposing first innings total of 317 for three on the opening day of their first tour game against a Pakistani Patron's XI today.

Marsh was eventually out in the final session as he and David Boon shared a first wicket stand of 138 after Australia had won the toss and elected to bat on a placid pitch.

At close of play Graeme Wood was not out 66 and Border was on 21 of which 20 came off boundaries in an unbeaten fourth wicket stand of 48. Wood has so far hit nine fours.

Marsh and Boon displayed little signs of jellag after a tiresome 30-hour journey from Brisbane when the team arrived here yesterday and were completely in command, despite a hot and sultry day.

Marsh's century contained a six and 20 fours and he faced 201 balls in an innings of 325 minutes. He fell trying to hoist left-arm spinner Nadeem Ghauri for his second successive six. Mo-

ul-Atiq held a juggling catch at long-on.

Earlier Boon fell at 76 when he miscued an intended on-drive off medium pacer Mohsin Kamal and was caught at mid-off by Sajjad Akbar. The Australian vice-captain clearly relished batting on an easy pitch and hit 11 fours and a six.

Patron's XI skipper Abdul Qadir largely kept himself away from the attack and bowled only six overs in the final session. But Border and Wood, the two left-handers, had no problems in tackling him.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIANS first innings:
D.C. Boon c Sajjad Akbar b Mohsin Kamal 76
G.R. Marsh c Moiz-ul-Atiq b Nadeem 136
M.R.J. Veletta run out 2
G.M. Wood not out 66
A.R. Border not out 21
Extras (b-4 lb-6 nb-6) 16
Total (for three wickets) 317
Fall of wickets: 1-158 2-160 3-269
To bat: Waugh, Taylor, Sleep, Healy, Reid, McDermott.
Bowling: Mohsin Kamal 16-1-57-1, Hafiz Shahid 7-0-49-0, Sajjad Akbar 19-3-55-0, Nadeem Ghauri 30-6-93-1, Asim Sohail 5-1-16-0, Abdul Qadir 6-1-29-0, Asif Majtaba 1-0-8-0

Lendl and Connors triumph

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (AP): Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors moved into the fourth round at the US Open today with easy victories over outclassed opponents.

Lendl extended his open winning streak to 24 matches with a 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 victory over American Scott Davis, while Connors downed Pieter Aldrich of South Africa 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.

The main contrast between the matches was in the stands at the National Tennis Centre.

While Lendl played before a sparse crowd in the stadium, fans packed the adjoining grandstand court to watch Connors play what was believed to be his first match ever there.

Lendl, the top seed, is trying to become the first man to win four straight Opens. Connors, the No. 6 seed, is a five-time Open champion.

In the other matches, 15th-seeded Anders Jarryd was beaten by Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-2, 6-4, 6-2, and Gabriela Sabatini beat Stephanie Rehe 7-5 6-4.

Final

Just like Wimbledon, the US Open took the first Sunday off. Only it wasn't scheduled because of tradition. Constant rain washed out such potential mismatches such as Lendl against Davis and Martina Navratilova against Elna Reinach.

Rain, so often a disruption at Wimbledon, also wiped out all but five matches last Monday. And it washed out the final Sunday of the tournament last year, forcing the men's final to be played Monday afternoon.

All the remaining top players were scheduled for matches today. On the stadium court, Navratilova was to play Reinach. In the grandstand, top-seeded Steffi Graf was to play Patty Fendick, ranked 22nd in the world, and No. 3 Chris Evert was to play Judith Wiesner, ranked 31st.

Among the men, No. 4 Andre Agassi was to play Johan Kriek in the third stadium match.

YMCA beat Lucky Stars

SKIPPER Ambrose hit 69 runs to help YMCA score a four-wicket victory over Lucky Stars in a KCL Cup League match at the NC ground on Friday.

Batting first, Lucky Stars scored 163 for the loss of seven wickets in the 25 allotted overs.

Hussein was the top scorer with 45 while Anwar scored 40 and Aftab 29. Hussein hit six fours while Anwar and Aftab slammed four each.

The main wicket-takers for YMCA were Winston and Hafiz with two wickets each for 23 and 28 runs respectively. Moham-

med Ali and Imran also took a scalp each.

In reply, YMCA scored 164 for the loss of six wickets with eight balls to spare.

Ambrose was very severe on the Lucky Stars' bowlers hitting them for two sixes and seven fours. He was given some good support by Sandeep and Mohammed Ali who scored 28 each.

For Lucky Stars, Musleb took two wickets for 28. Ifikhar got two for 15 while Arif and Bassam took one each.

Green holds on for win

OAKVILLE, Ontario, Sept. 5. (AP): Despite three-putt bogeys on two of the last three holes, Ken Green nursed home a one-stroke victory today in the day-late finish of the Canadian Open golf championship.

Green was three strokes in front with seven holes to play yesterday afternoon when a thunderstorm forced an overnight delay in the finish of this national championship.

He and 20 others returned this morning in cold, blustery winds and Green held on — barely. He bogeyed three of the seven

holes he played, but got the routine, two-putt par he had to have on the final hole to complete a round of par 72.

Green, 30, who lost two titles in playoffs earlier this year, acquired his third career victory with a 275 total, 13-under par.

Scott Verplank, who put on the most pressure, and Billy Glasson came on to tie for second at 276.

Verplank had a closing 70 and was 2-under par for the seven holes he played in the difficult conditions.

New Young Stars sail past Malia

NEW YOUNG STARS scored a six-wicket victory over Malia Cricket Club in a friendly match at the Church ground on Friday.

Malia, after winning the toss and electing to bat, could manage to score only 73 runs for the loss of all their wickets in 16 overs.

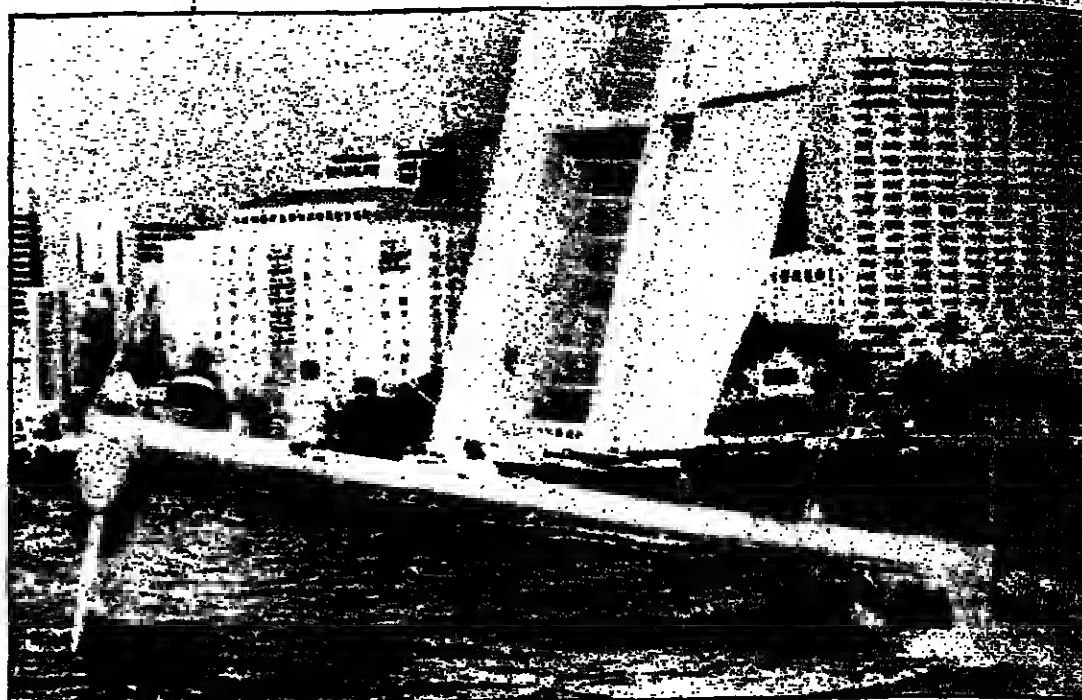
In reply, New Young Stars got the required runs in 12 overs for the loss of only four wickets.

Waheed was the top scorer for New Young Stars with 31. The other batsmen to enter the double figures were Liaquat with 19 and Rafiq 13. Waheed bowled earlier on put in a brilliant bowling performance to take five Malia wickets. He got the Man of the Match award.

Sayre triumphs

MONTREAL, Sept. 5. (Reuters): American Rick Sayre led the pack under overcast skies yesterday to win the men's category of the 10th annual Montreal International marathon in a time of two hours, 18 minutes and seven seconds.

Sayre, 34, kept his closest rivals — Kjell-Erik Stahl of Sweden and fellow-American Doug Kurtis — to the second and third spots.



Conner sails his catamaran inside San Diego bay. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fresh row erupts in America's Cup

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 5. (Reuters): A lawyers' letter slipped under the door of multi-millionaire Michael Fay fuelled a fresh row yesterday between the camps of New Zealand and the Stars and Stripes only three days before the America's Cup races begin.

"This whole thing has become an aberration," declared Malin Burnham, president of "Sail America," which is organising the race. "We didn't like New Zealand's challenge and we want to get the whole thing over as quickly as possible."

Power

"Dennis Conner, skipper of the US vessel, is not meeting New Zealand's challenge," said Fay, mastermind of the New Zealand syndicate. "He is running away from it, doing everything in his power to unfairly defeat it."

Sailing has been put to one side as the two groups battle over whether New Zealand must make its protest against the US team using a catamaran to the New York Supreme Court or to an international yachting jury.

Fay has repeatedly said he will

protest as soon as the racing ends against the introduction of the first catamaran in the 137-year history of the race.

Opposing the catamaran, with a crew of only five, is the 133-foot-long (44-metre) monohulled yacht New Zealand with its 150-foot (50-metre) mast, the size of a 13-storey building, and a crew of 40.

The vessel which wins two of the three races holds the Cup. "You don't need an America's Cup race to tell you a catamaran, with its two hulls, is faster than a mono," Fay said.

Conner's team decided to race a catamaran after Fay unexpectedly challenged the San Diego Yacht Club less than a year after the Americans had won the cup back from Australia. Conner had hoped to wait the customary period of four years, until 1991, before racing again.

In the latter club commodore Doug Alford said: "... Any and all protests arising out of the conduct of the match must be submitted to the international jury whose decision is final."

"I submit to you there has already been more than enough litigation," Alford said.

In reply, Fay said he was angry Alford was attempting to involve the race jury — made up of representatives of Denmark, Malta, Canada, Brazil and Sweden — against which there is no appeal.

Fay earlier took his protest to New York Supreme Court justice Carmen Ciparick who told both sides to race first and argue later.

Burnham said the court procedure with appeals could last up to three years. "The Cup is being held hostage."

Difficult

"These issues have become like mud-wrestling down a hole," Fay replied in a separate news conference. "They are difficult to come to grips with."

"Sail America" now says we must take this matter to the international yachting jury or lose our right to protest," he said. "The correct procedure is to go back to the court and I, though, both sides had agreed on this."

Tyson injured in road accident

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (Reuters): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson suffered a blow to the head in a road accident yesterday but his manager said he believed the boxer was in perfect health and would be able to fight Britain's Frank Bruno next month.

"I have every reason to believe Mike Tyson is in perfect health," Tyson's manager Bill Cayton told Reuters by telephone from his home in Larchmont, New York.

He said he believed Tyson's defence of his undisputed title against Briton Frank Bruno on October 22 in Wembley stadium in London was not in jeopardy. "As far as I know, the Bruno bout is not in danger," said Cayton, who got his information by telephone. He did not speak to Tyson himself.

Tyson hit his head while driving alone near his training camp about 150 miles (240 km) north of New York City, the manager said. The 22-year-old boxer was transferred later in the evening to a New York City hospital.

"Mike was staying with Camille Ewald, the late (co-manager) Cus d'Amato's sister-in-law. He got into his car to go into town."



Tyson: suffered a blow to the head

The car was parked on a patch of grass and when he started it his wheels must have skidded and he drove into a tree," Cayton said.

He was taken to a local hospital by ambulance, Cayton said.

"They examined him and found no evidence of a concussion. His cat-scan was normal. However, when they took an EKG it was not normal. This is common for athletes such as Mike."

Cayton said Tyson always tested "abnormal" on the EKG.

"They gave him a more advanced test, a sonar electrocardiogram, and that was normal. However, because the EKG was abnormal, the doctors wanted to keep Mike overnight for observation," Cayton said.

"That's when Mike's wife, Robin Givens, and mother-in-law, Ruth Roper, decided to transfer Mike to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York

City so he could have the best medical advice he could get," Cayton said.

In a brief statement at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital late last night Dr Caroline Britton said Tyson had tested normal neurologically and showed no other symptoms from the accident.

Britton said the boxer would remain in hospital overnight and was being given additional neurological tests.

She said in response to a question that Tyson received no stitches.

"All of these measures are just precautions," Cayton said. "However, I will not let Mike start training again until the doctors say he is 100 per cent."

He said Tyson might not be able to leave next Wednesday as planned on a week-long trip to the Soviet Union, where Tyson's actress wife was to film some episodes for her American television series.

Tyson's bout with Bruno already had been put back by two weeks after he injured his right hand in a street scuffle with former heavyweight contender Mitch Green early in the morning on August 23.

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